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GROUNDHOG IN VICTORIA

Federal paper details plan

by Jason Mercier

Whoever said the federal government wasn't hip?

Lately, it seems they have taken a cue from *Reservoir Dogs*, where characters have names like Mr. White and Mr. Pink.

First, the federal Liberals had their pre-election master plan, the infamous Red book. Next, the Ministry of Human Resources Development, as a result of the social policy review, released the Green paper.

But wait, there's more. The White paper has arrived.

Federal Support to Post-Secondary Education, released just after Christmas, is a more detailed description of federal plans for post-secondary education in Canada.

The supplementary paper outlines what the future of post-secondary education will likely look like, including "a five-tier model of student aid" ranging from tier 1, "personal and family resources," to tier 5, "grants."

The paper also analyses possible effects proposed changes will have on the Canadian system.

The first of two major changes the federal government proposes — in addition to cutting cash transfers to the provinces — is to make loans repayable based on income earned after graduation.

In other words, the more you earn, the more you pay. Borrowers would not pay if unemployed or earning below an established minimum income.

The second major change is that these loans would not take into account parental income, as do current loans. The new loans would be distributed on the student's need alone, without taking family income into account.

Another possibility introduced by the paper for funding post-secondary education is to use Registered Savings Plans. According to the paper, this would appeal mainly to "mid-career" adults.

The second major change is that loans would not take into account parental income

Currently, students must take their parent's income into account when applying for a loan until the student has been out of high school for four years.

The report added there is a possibility that differential fees would be introduced by either university administrators or the provincial government. Students in "sciences, engineering, and medicine" would pay higher tuition due to the higher costs associated in their training.

But there is one major disclaimer the discussion paper mentions that could make all of the discussion papers moot.

"The resources available to create a new student financial assistance program may be very limited."

Reasons given for the proposed changes include that since the early 1970s, expenditures per student have increased at a greater rate than any time before. The resulting decrease in the amount post-secondary education costs paid by tuition has led to increases of up to 10 per cent in tuition in recent years as an attempt to catch-up.❑

News Briefs

by Shawn Hall

The UVSS board of directors voted January 30 to add the following two questions to the March UVSS elections ballot:

Health Plan:

Are you in favor of continuing the Student Extended Health Plan available to students taking two or more courses at a cost of $9.38 per month ($112.50 per year - unchanged from the current year,) with the following improvements to coverage:

- out of province/country - $1,000,000 (up from $5,000)
- 70% reimbursement with no maximum for prescription drugs (including oral contraceptives)
- no maximum for accidental dental (up from $1,000)
- no maximum for emergency ambulance (up from $250)
- addition of naturopathy, psychology and massage therapy and more comprehensive coverage for chiropractic and physiotherapist
- addition of all benefits in case of illness (previously, some benefits were limited to injury only)

Students with equivalent coverage who opt out will no longer be required to pay up front and wait for reimbursement. Instead a mechanism will be in place to eliminate the charge from their accounts.

Fee increase:

That the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) fee be increased by $2.25 per full time student per term to a total of $6.00 ($3.00 per part time student) to implement the change approved at the 1993 General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students.❑

Group provides cheap food

by Rainer Duschinsky

Healthy, cheap food is coming to UVic. The Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group has initiated a non-profit food-buying group "to provide a cheap, healthy and moral alternative to shopping at regular stores," said an organizer.

"Selecting foods with some sort of moral perspective [will be stressed]," added Steven DeMeulenaere, a UVic alumni and director for VIPIRG

He added issues such as worker exploitation will be taken into account when purchases are made. DeMeulenare also said the group hopes to provide education about food sources to students.

VIPIRG is "hoping to make it [the food-buying group] accessible to the whole community," DeMeulenaere said, "but is aiming at the student market."

A catalogue with a list of available products will be completed this week, and the first order should be made no later than the middle of February. Orders can be placed in the VIPRIG office, room 144 in the SUB.

The products will be provided by PSC a natural foods wholesaler and will include bulk grains, beans and cereals, pastas, snack foods, beverages, and packaged meals. People ordering will have to pay half the money up front and the other half when they pick up their order.

If the food-buying group is successful, there is a possibility it will expand its product line into fruits and vegetables. DeMeulenaere said another possibility, if the group proves successful, would be a store in the expanded SUB, due to be completed January 1996.❑

MARTLET INFORMATION

The **Martlet** is an autonomous, **non-profit society**, dedicated to acting as an agent of constructive social change. It has been the voice of students at the University of Victoria since 1948, providing weekly coverage of events and issues affecting the student community. It is also an ideal forum for those interested in the print media to gain valuable experience and knowledge either as a paid employee or as a volunteer.

Funding for the paper comes **primarily from advertising sales** and and is supplemented by an undergraduate **membership fee of $2.75** per student per semester. With the support of the university community, the Martlet is able to continue to be an alternative press that is free, democratic and egalitarian.

If you relinquish your membership in the Martlet Publishing Society you must sign a form agreeing not to participate in Society events, nor use copies of any Society publications.

Students who wish to relinquish their membership should come to the Martlet table set up in the Student Union Building foyer at one of the following times:

Monday, January 30 through Friday, February 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please bring your valid student card.

Wanna Be a Martlet Co-Editor?

Applications are now being accepted for the positions of Co-editors. The co-editors of the Martlet are responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Martlet. The position is a team (two person) position and as such applicants must submit a combined resumé and portfolio. The position is a one year term running from May '95 to April '96.

Duties include:

- ensure continuity of paper
- recruit, train and hire staff and volunteers
- prepare budget and act as bookkeeper
- fix the computers when they screw up
- motivate staff
- answer the phones
- listen to people who come into the office and yell about something we printed
- dummy ads and ensure stories are edited twice before publication
- write essential news/arts/sports/science/etc stories not taken by others
- must sit on the following committees: Martlet Publishing Society Board of Directors, ad boycott committee, co-editor hiring committee (for 96/97), production co-ordinator hiring committee (for 95/96)
- anything else that doesn't get done by somebody else

Application Procedure:

Resumé and portfolios must be submitted by Tuesday, February 28 at 4:30pm. Following this, applicant teams act as voluntary co-editors for one week. At the end of the practice weeks each team will have a one hour interview.

For more information:

Come by the Martlet office (SUB 108) and talk to Cam or Dave. You may also call us at 721-8360.

Student takes UVSS to court over getting the boot

by Shawn Hall

Pam Grant is taking the University of Victoria Students Society to court.

Grant is charging the UVSS Board of Directors failed to respect their constitution when they dismissed her from the Political Science chair selection committee at their January 23 meeting.

"At this point everyone is confused."

Had the UVSS re-instated her at the January 30 meeting there would have been no issue, said Grant.

Some members of the UVSS board agree with her.

"Booting someone off a committee because they [the board] have a personal or political view of someone is clearly unfair," said member-at-large Devon Kruggal. "It's an issue of fairness and responsibility."

The only other member of the UVSS to vote for the motion reinstating Grant was Dave Wheatcroft.

The UVSS voted to remove Grant January 23 at the request of Political Science Course Union secretary Chris Vance.

However, Vance apparently didn't have the permission of the course union to go to the UVSS. Therefore, Grant argues, his presentation and request should be thrown out.

"No, he wasn't representing us," said Anne Behannah, chair of the political science course union. "I personally feel what we did in the first place [removing Grant in December] was wrong."

Grant said the UVSS is ultimately responsible for regulating undergrad positions on UVic committees and that they have breached by-laws concerning this committee.

"The student society has acted inapropriately and they're trying to cover it up," Grant said.

"I think the whole procedure violates the principles of democracy, which are outlined at the beginning of the [UVSS] constitution."

"If proper procedure is followed and I'm removed I've got no problem with that," she added.

She said UVic by-laws concerning senate committees, written in 1976, have not been taken into account and that there has been creative by-law interpretation by the UVSS, particularly by Stacey Tabert, Director of Academics.

But Tabert said it is her job to "rubber stamp" course union decisions and that the course union should sort this out and come back to them.

"The motion itself, in my mind was out of order in that no proper constitutional process [breaches had been shown to us by the person putting forward the motion [Wheatcroft]," she said. "I've never had those shown to me."

While acknowledging she should have looked up the proper bylaws — had she know the existed — Tabert said the first she had heard of the possibility of their existence was this interview.

Tabert said the only rules she knows of govern the selection of students, not the removal, by the UVSS. She said the word 'UVSS' is not defined in that by-law, which was written by the UVSS Board of Directors several year's ago.

"But what is the UVSS?," she said. "The UVSS is 15,000 students. It doesn't define the Board of Directors."

However, William Gordon, a math professor who helped write the UVic bylaws concerning student representation on committees in 1976, seems to agree with Grant's view that there was a breach of constitution.

"It's an issue of fairness and responsibility."

Though Gordon could not comment on the specifics of this case, he did say there are only two instances in which a representative can be removed.

The first is when the representative is no longer a member of the department. The second is when cause is shown.

He said cause must be established by a written statement and the representative must have the opportunity to defend his or herself.

That does not include "a change in the political climate or in the power structure of the group," said Gordon.

But Tabert said the course union, and not the UVSS board, is the group that is responsible for removing and selecting members for selection committees.

"I've told the course union they need to meet as soon as possible and sort this out," she added.

"At this point everyone is confused," said Melissa Svendsen, course union executive social coordinator. "Trying to get accurate information is difficult."

Svendsen added that as far as she is concerned the issue is moot, as a new chair has already been selected. She said their energy should go into supporting that person, and not this "enormous waste of resources."❑

Lucky SUB employees saunter through the new SUB site with project officer Betsy Moyer. Andrew Lupton photo

Burgundy to grace new SUB

by Adrienne Mercer

Though merely a shell of a building now, SUB expansion - Phase I will soon provide a spacious and appealing environment for students.

The proposed color scheme for the new SUB was presented at the January 30 UVSS Board of Directors meeting by Betsy Moyer, Project Officer with Facilities Management at Campus Planning.

The building will feature "a lovely plaza" with lots of concrete, stylish columns, and an accent of forest green.

A "strong burgundy theme" will recur throughout the building, said Moyer. Work spaces, awnings, and door panels will provide colorful accent to a neutral background.

The green and burgundy theme will carry through to the new pub, while the entertainment lounge will be decorated in darker tones to maximize the effect of bar and stage lighting.

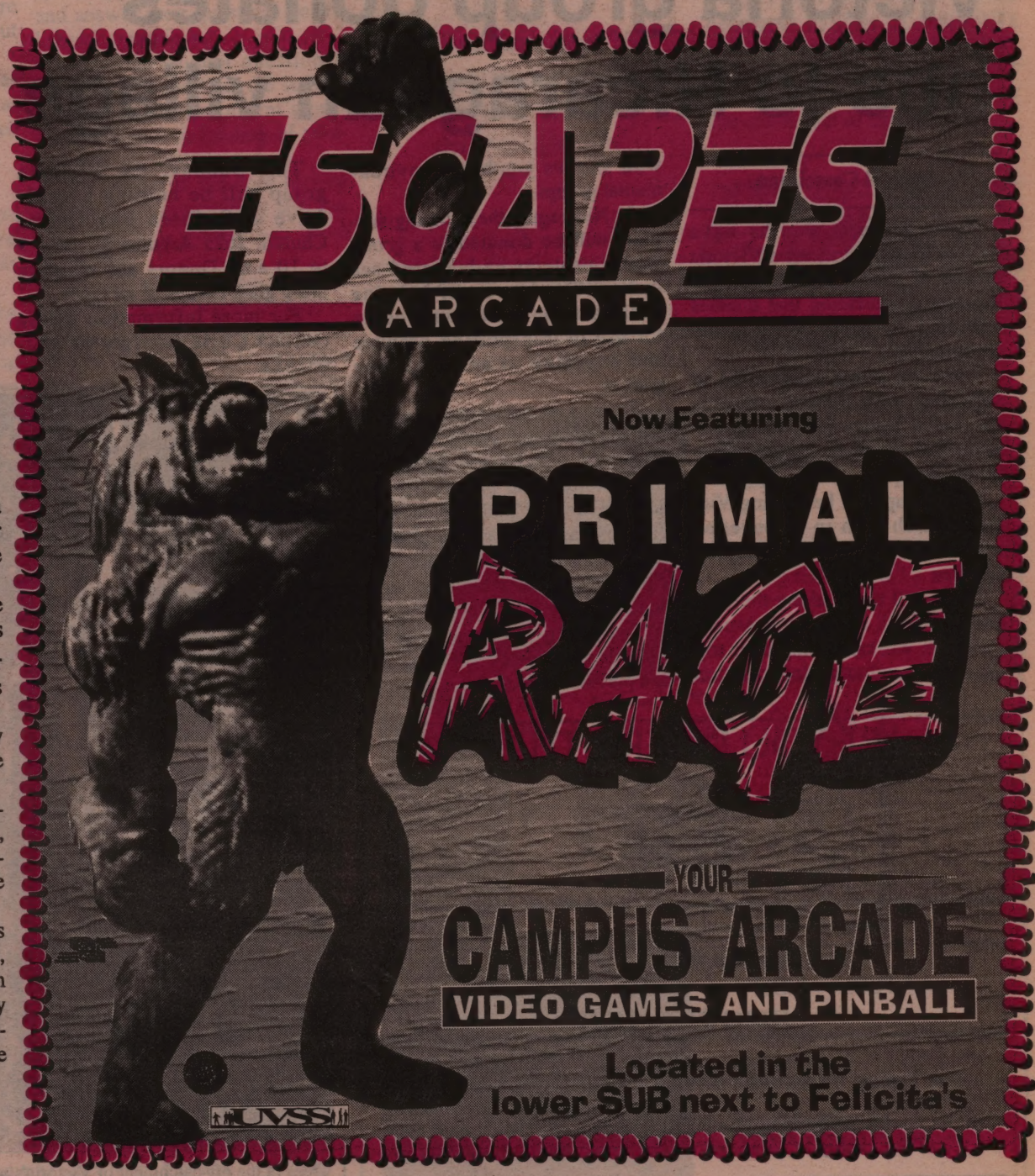
The proposal calls for a Marmoleum [resiliant tile] dance floor in the lounge. UVSS Chair Tina Walker asked Moyer to look into what it would cost to replace the Marmoleum with a hard wood floor.

Both areas will feature carpet tile similar to that recently installed in Cinecenta.

Moyer said the new building will make good use of natural light and will feature extensive indoor and outdoor seating.

Two-tone washroom stalls constructed of "very durable porcelain enamel" will also be included.

UVSS BoD members happily passed the proposed color scheme for the new SUB, though Director of Finance Michael Gardiner expressed regret that the new bathroom stalls would not carry on the bright orange theme of the washrooms outside Cinecenta.❑



Sooke Hills threatened

by Paul Nanton

Only 10 miles from city hall — practically a hop, skip and a jump — a lush ecological preserve is being threatened, this according to a local environmental organization.

Sooke Hills a 14,000 hectare area owned by the Greater Victoria Water District containing rare species like coastal Douglas Fir and Calypso Bulbosa.

"We don't need another demonstration forest."

Currently, 4,500 hectares of that land is not used for Victoria drinking water. A proposal to turn 3,200 hectares of that area into a demonstration forest is being considered by the GVWD water board.

Different forestry methods, both past and present, are displayed for public view in a demonstration forest.

"We don't need another demonstration forest, especially when there are already demonstration forests in the North Cowichan Municipal Forest near Duncan and the Seymour Demonstration forest in north Vancouver," said Ray Zimmerman, director of Victoria Sierra Club.

"It's essential that we protect Veitch and Niagara creek [the area under consideration] in order to sustain a non-altered ecosystem".

Last year the GVWD tried to log in the watershed but the Sierra Club took them to court on the basis that it contradicted GVWD's mandate.

The judge ruled in favor of the Sierra club and logging stopped.

Jeff Ward, a head planner with Capital Regional District parks, said the rough draft of the land study on Veitch and Niagara Creek will not be ready till June but that the area is being considered for a demonstration forest.

He added there are other possibilities for the area that are also being considered.

There are no immediate plans for the Veitch and Niagara Creek said Jack Hull, commissioner of the GVWD. "It is not one of our high priorities."

Hull said the GVWD wants to sell the 4,500 hectare area because water from it does not run into Victoria reservoirs.

The GVWD recently hired the Capital Regional District Parks division to assess what they should do with the plot.

Sooke Hills ranges from Todd Inlet to Sooke Basin.❑

graphic courtesy Monday Magazine

Enviro. groups demand resignation

by Shawn Hall

Local environmental groups are calling for the resignation of the Greater Victoria Water District's (GVWD) watershed manager, Gordon Joyce.

"His mandate is supposed to be to manage the watershed to supply clean water to Victoria residents," said Zane Parker, a campaigner with the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC).

Parker said Gordon wrote a memo to John Harris, a member of the Association of B.C. Professional Foresters, advocating the development of a demonstration forest on lands near the greater Victoria watershed.

Parker said the GVWD is still considering if a demonstration forest is an appropriate use of watershed land and that a staff member with GVWD should not be advocating one use over another.

"We feel it's a conflict of interest," said Parker. "They're about to make a decision on the land. They should be unbiased."

Parker added that less than one percent of land within the southern Vancouver Island eco-system is protected by law and that WCWC wants 12 percent protected. The land the demonstration forest would be located on is within that ecosystem.

"Once they've gotten in there and get permission to do logging we've lost control," said Parker. "This is the last chance for a major intact area on southern Vancouver Island."

He said while a demonstration forest uses techniques on the cutting edge of forestry, they do not encourage biodiversity. Maintaining biodiversity is important to ensure species have enough habitat.

Biodiversity is also important if we want our children to see forests in their natural form, he said.

"It is a serious issue," said Jack Hull, Chief Commissioner for the GVWD.

Hull said WCWC has made "one interpretation" of a memo that does not clearly state support for the demonstration forest.

"We feel it's a conflict of interest."

He refused to comment further, saying it would not be appropriate until a meeting of the GVWD board of directors February 17.

"There may be a public statement at that time," he said.❑

Victoria group donates bus to Nicaraguan village

by Joel Casselman

Five Victoria youths have banded together to start a Victoria branch of Trucks to Nicaragua, a national organization that donates vehicles to rural Nicaraguan communities.

"We are youth committed to solidarity with Central America and social justice for Nicaragua," said Chris Boulger, spokesperson for the group.

The group will be leaving Victoria March 15th in a converted school bus filled with camping supplies.

They will travel along the west coast of North and Central America for six weeks. During their trip they will exchange information with various youth and environmental groups.

In Nicaragua, the camping supplies will be donated to a group which protects endangered sea turtles. The bus itself is being donated to an agricultural co-op for use in transporting produce and supplies to and from the market.

Trucks for Nicaragua is a Canada wide, non-profit, non-governmental organization based out of Toronto. The group aims to acquire, deliver and donate vehicles to that country's rural communities. Since its foundation in 1989, fifteen vehicles have been donated.

Trucks to Nicaragua needs donations of money, clothing and non perishable food items.

This Sunday, the Victoria group will be holding a bottle drive at Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus St, from 9 to 10 a.m. Donors are asked to bring glass bottles of all types.

For more information please contact Chris Boulger at 382-0326.❑

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Trees in the off-catchment of Victoria's watershed district could become stumps as pressure builds for a "demonstration forest." The GVWD is reviewing potential uses for the forest. D.McNaughton photo

So you said you want to help... by Dena Cator

A profile of volunteer organizations

Peer Helping Center

Goal

To enhance the social, emotional, and academic experiences of students through the involvement of trained student volunteers.

Background

The Peer Helping Program can assist in a number of areas, such as relationship issues, academic concerns, career choices, racism, and sexual assault.

They also offer a confidential drop-in referral service in the Peer Helping Centre that will refer students to professionals, if needed.

Peer Helpers have the opportunity to help other students who have concerns which are temporarily hampering their personal and academic advancement.

The helpers are students who have been at UVic long enough to have gone through student problems like getting lost and being too embarrassed to admit it or feeling like they're the only person on campus who doesn't understand the way the place works.

The program helps people with both personal and academic concerns.

Qualifications and Committments

Volunteers perform office duties, program maintenance duties, and outreach activities.

Volunteers are expected to donate a minimum of six hours per week to the program as well as attend regular training sessions, monthly workshops on specific relevant issues, and monthly staff meetings.

Prospective volunteers are interviewed to evaluate their interests and strengths. A 30-hour training session on communication and mediating skills to new members. The program is a collective.

Projects

Shadow Program - to acquaint high school students with some of the highlights and useful tips of university life.

Wellness Committee - to work with other members of the university community to promote individual awareness of health and well being.

Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee - promotes awareness and responsible drug and alcohol behaviour.

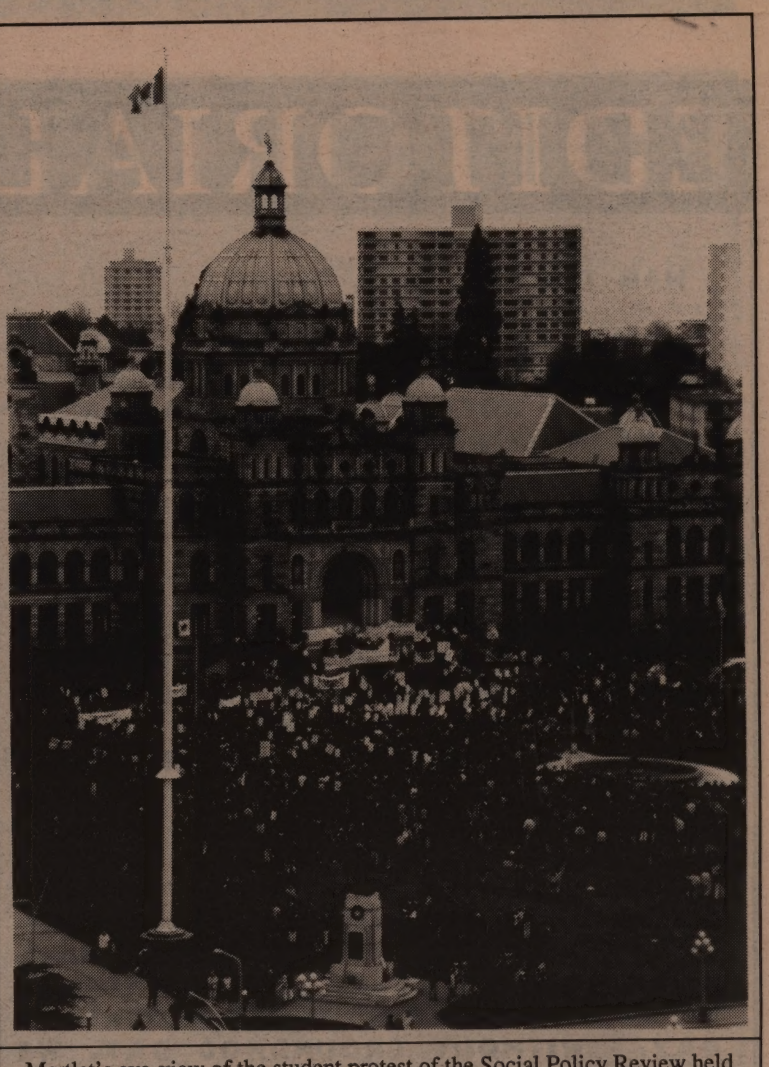
Buddy Program - connects peer helpers and first year students to familiarize them with the many aspects of university and help make the transition easier.

New Student Information Centre - to provide information for students attending UVic.

Workhop Committee - continuous training offered to Peer Helpers on a variety of topics to enhance volunteer knowledge. The month of January focused on date rape.

Contact

Peer Helping Centre is located in the University Centre in room B202b. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Phone number is 721-8343.❑



Martlet's eye-view of the student protest of the Social Policy Review held last week at the Legislature.

Jason Vasilash photo

Fear of unsafe dorms put to rest

by Gwendolyn Richards

It all began when the power went out January 15.

A resident in the David Thompson residence noticed there was no emergency lighting in the halls or stairways and the power light in her smoke detector was not on.

The resident, who asked to remain unnamed, said she feared the UVic residences were violating the Victoria building safety codes as far as emergency lighting and fire detection were concerned.

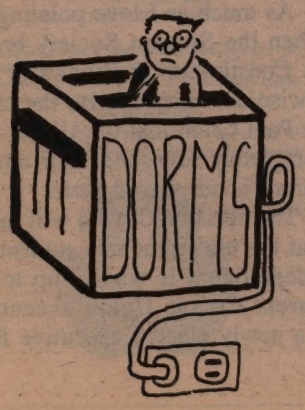
"I don't want to become a pop tart."

"I don't want to become a pop tart," the resident said.

According to Victoria Building Inspector Max Hoedeman fire alarms, heat detectors and emergency lighting must be on a back-up system independent of the main electrical source and should remain on during a power outage.

"The main purpose is to get people out in emergencies," said Jim Pearce, UVic's facilities manager. " It's not a long-term system."

However, because the power outage on January 15 was so long, the generator kept running out of fuel and there may have been times when the emergency lighting was not on, Pearce said.



In case of an extended power outage, Perace added, there are fire watch patrols in place to look out for any problems.

Pearce said all UVic residences have emergency lighting, heat detectors and pull alarms powered by a back-up generator.

The emergency lighting systems in some buildings may be more sophisticated, said Pearce, but every building has one.

It is not a violation of code for smoke detectors not to be hooked up to a back-up system, as long as there are permanent connections to an electrical system.❑

Liberal spoke on environment

by George Pringle

Over one hundred students packed Clerihue A201 January 24 to hear British Columbia's leader of the opposition address students and answer their questions on the Liberal's positions.

Only one student questioned Gordon Campbell on the impact of the federal government's proposed changes to funding of post-secondary education.

"Education is the core service delivered by government and has the highest priority," said Campbell.

The hot issues of the day were environmental. Campbell congratulated Harcourt on deciding to shelve the Kemano Completion mega-project four months after the Liberal Party spoke against it.

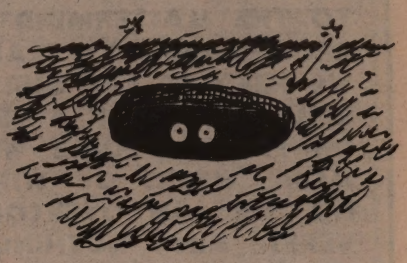
"The project required over $350 million in government subsidies so I don't think they have much of a claim for compensation," Campbell said when questioned on the matter of compensation for Alcan.

"If a ministry goes 5% over budget that Minister's salary decreases by 5%."

Campbell also spoke on the need for a fiscally responsible approach to government and promised to streamline government. He said the cuts would start with his own cabinet, which he would cut from the present 18 to 12.

He also proposed making ministers personally accountable for their budgets.

"If a ministry goes 5% over budget that Minister's salary decreases by 5%. If a ministry goes 10% over budget they lose 10% of their pay. If they're over by 15% they'll get a big cut, he or she will be out of cabinet."❑



Please note!

Deadline for Opting Out
of the UVSS Extended Health Plan is:

Febuary 10, 1995

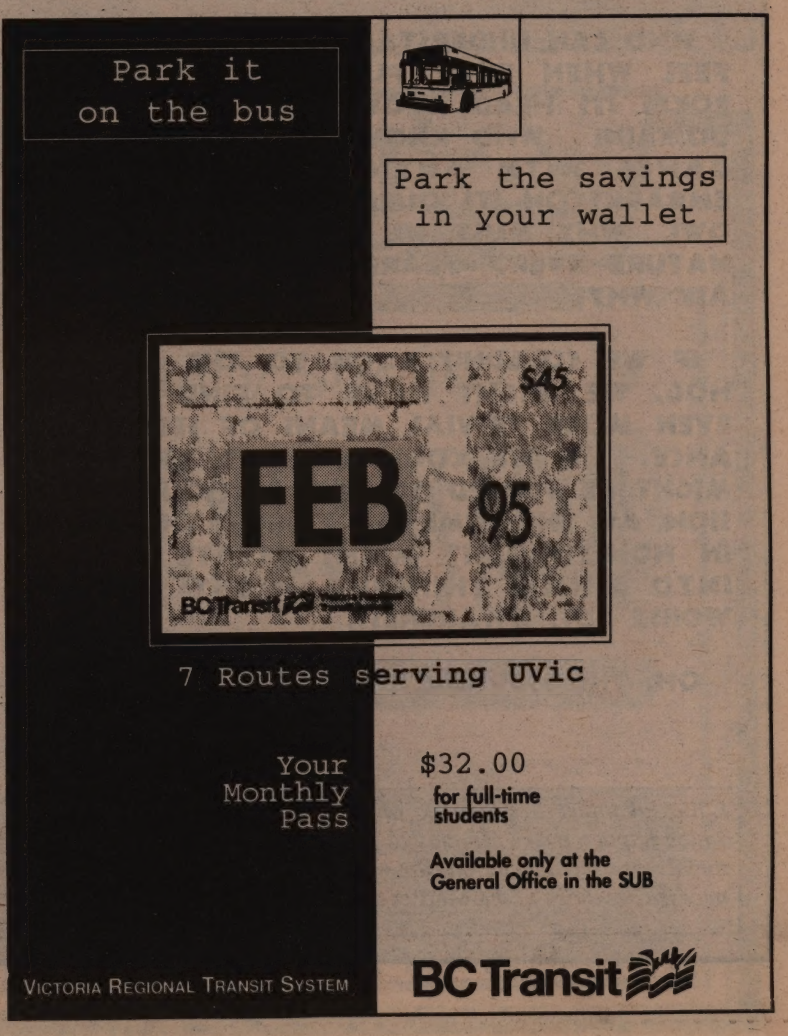
Sorry, no exceptions!

Proof of comparable coverage must be shown with your student ID in order to OPT OUT:

1. An **Extended** Health Card in your name or showing you as a dependent.
2. A copy of the above.
3. A letter from the Employer who is providing your **Extended** Health Plan stating the Name of the Company, the Policy Number and that you are covered under their plan.
4. A Care card with the Unit Number **H2** or **R2**.

*The Student Heatlh Plan **does not replace** your B.C. Medical (or any other Provincial Plan).*

(Come to the SUB General Office during office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)



EDITORIAL

HAIL THE HOG!

THANK GOD FOR GROUNDHOG DAY! IN THE MIDST OF TUITION TURMOIL, "TO HOCKEY OR NOT TO HOCKEY", AND VARIOUS FORMS OF KEYBOARD ASSAULT, WHAT MORE CAN WE ASK FOR, BUT A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY THAT CELEBRATES A SHORT, SQUAT MAMMAL DESPERATELY IN SEARCH OF ITS OWN BLOODY SHADOW.

THANK GOD FOR THIS, ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL DAYS OF THE YEAR. WHO CARES THAT THE WEST COAST DOESN'T HAVE ANY GROUNDHOGS, OR THAT THE WEATHER MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO FIND THEIR NATURAL SHADOW BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MARCH!

GOODNESS KNOWS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DIVERSIONS ALREADY. WHY, WITHOUT GROUNDHOG DAY, WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO OCCUPY OUR MINDS IN BETWEEN THE SUPER BOWL AND VALENTINE'S DAY. WITHOUT GROUNDHOG DAY, WE WOULD BE MIRED IN THE ENDLESS MONOTONY OF REALITY. WE WOULD BE FORCED TO THINK OF REAL THINGS!

YES, OH YES, THE WONDERS OF GROUNDHOG DAY RAIN DOWN UPON US ALL. EVERY YEAR, WE CAN CONCERN OURSELVES WITH HOW MUCH LONGER WE MUST ENDURE THE HARDSHIPS OF WINTER. EVERY YEAR, WE CAN KEEP OUR MINDS FOCUSED ON IMPORTANT THINGS. WHY, WITHOUT GROUNDHOG DAY, THE LAPSE IN BETWEEN NEW YEAR'S AND EASTER MIGHT BE TOO LONG FOR US TO ENDURE. WE MIGHT FORGET HOW TO BE DISTRACTED!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, MISTER GROUNDHOG! OUR NATION TURNS ITS LONELY EYES TO YOU!

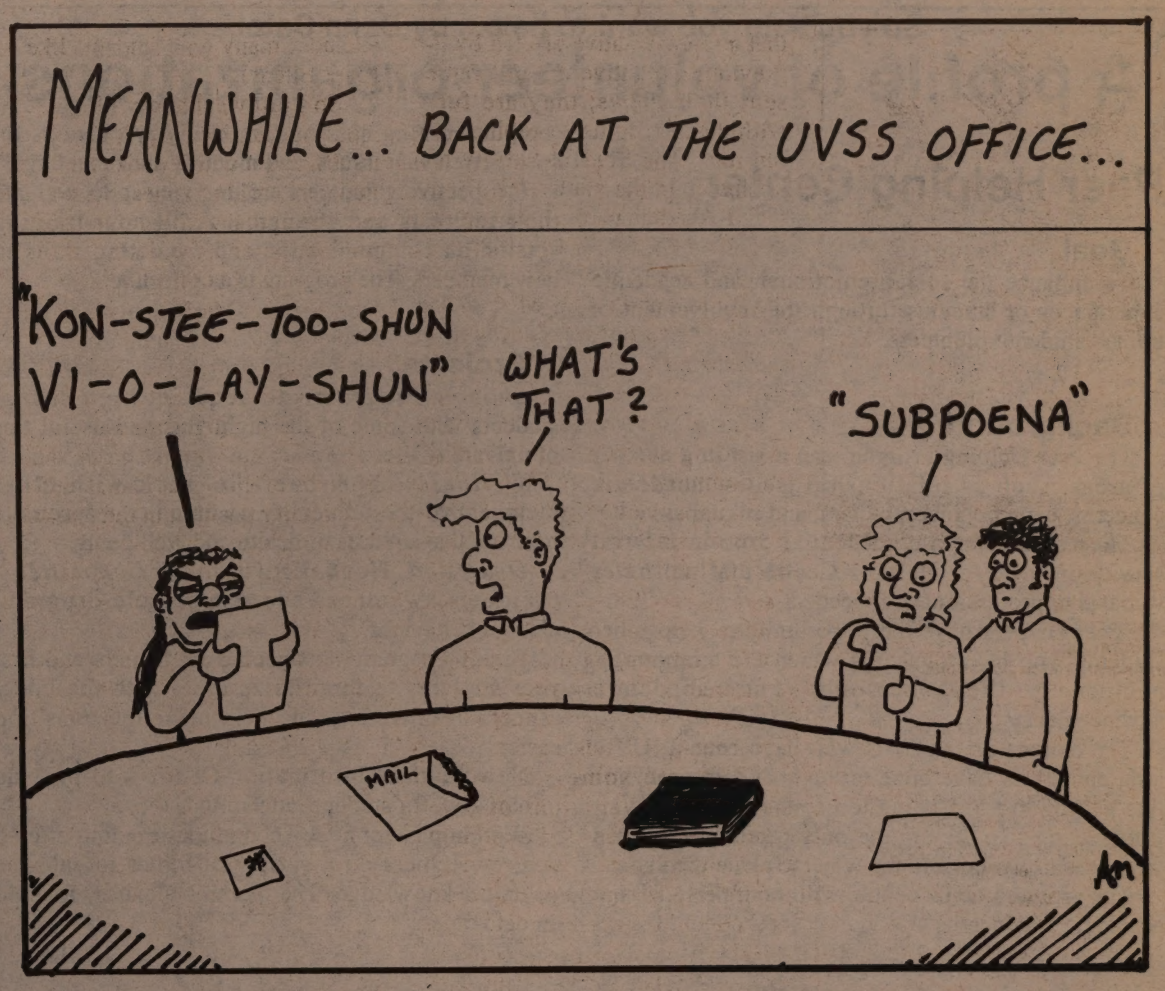
WE, THE SURROGATE EDITORIAL WRITERS, WANT TO EXPRESS OUR UTMOST GRATITUDE TO THE MASTERMIND WHO DISCOVERED THE GROUNDHOG DAY TRADITION. NO MORE DO WE NEED TO LET OUR EYES STRAY TO HORRIBLE VISIONS OF A DETEREORATING PLANET, OR STREET PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER REALLY MEANS. NO, WE CAN OVERCOME! WE WILL PERSEVERE! AIN'T NOTHING GONNA BREAKA MY STRIDE...

WHO CAN UNDERSTAND THE JOY THAT WE FEEL WHEN THAT FURRY LITTLE CRITTER POKES ITS HEAD ABOVE ITS SUBTERRANEAN DOMAIN! WHO KNOWS WHY OUR HEARTS DANCE WITH ANTICIPATION WHEN IT EMBARKS ON ITS QUEST TO FIND ITS SHADOW! WHY MUST WE SEE THIS MIRACLE OF NATURE EVERY YEAR! BETTER YET, WHY ASK WHY!

IF WE COULDN'T LOOK TO THE GROUNDHOG, WE MIGHT HAVE TO FIND A NEW, EVEN MORE TRIVIAL MEANS OF SELF-ASSURANCE. IF WE COULDN'T FIND THAT, WE MIGHT BE FORCED TO LIVE WITHOUT DIVERSION AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. THIS PAUSE IN NON-THOUGHT MIGHT CREATE A VOID INTO WHICH THINKING MIGHT SPROUT. WORSE YET, AWARENESS!

OH, THE HORROR!

Editorial topics are decided on by staff at editorial meetings, which happen every Monday at 4p.m. in the Martlet *office. Editorials are written by one or more staffers; opinions are not necessarily those of the* Martlet *or all staff.*



The *Martlet* has an open letters policy and will undertake to print every letter received from members of the university community. Letters must be **TYPEWRITTEN** (you can use *Martlet* machines), double spaced and include your name, student number and a phone number for verification. **LETTERS MUST BE 250 WORDS MAXIMUM.** Editors reserve the right to edit ruthlessly for length and libelous content. Deadline is Monday 10 am. Letters will be priorized in the order received. Only one submission from the same person will be printed per week. Letters with pseudonyms will not be printed. Letters will not be edited for spelling or grammar.

Write the feds!

Editors:

As far as the students strike is concerned, I think that we, as students, are sending the wrong message. Missing classes only says that we really aren't that serious about our education. What we want to do is send a message which they (government) can't ignore because it will cost them to much money.

Why not start a letter campaign. Most of us do not realize that Canada Post has to deliver any letters addressed to our elected official for free. If all the students across Canada (UVic=15000, UBC=35000 alone) were to write a letter (or send a Post card) every day for a month, this would effectively bog down the system; both the postal and the bureaucratic. This would, not doubt, get the governments attention far more than having a strike and missing classes would. Missing classes just hurts our education, sending letters and making the government both pay for them and deal with them (they also have to read them all just in case there is any "legitimate business") hurts the government instead.

Make your voice really heard!

Randy Bourne

Concert a bad scene

Editors:

I would like to protest the deplorable handling of the Spirit of the West concert by the UVSS. With the concert not starting until 8:30 pm and there being 3 opening acts, Spirit didn't even come on until 11:30. By this time everyone was ready for some real music, but we only got 4 songs and then the whole gig was shut down.

I thought this was supposed to rally support for the National Student Strike, but if the strike is handled as badly as the concert was, there won't be many supporters.

I understand the organizers' fears of injury or even death caused by the unstable stage. However there are a few things they should have realized. First of all, they knew haw many tickets they sold, so they should have known how packed the place would get. Secondly, if they can redo the gig tonight without the same fears about the stage, then why did they set it up the way they did in the first place? Obviously they knew that the stage wasn't as good as it could have been.

I was disappointed and pissed off at this waste of our money - as one guy said, "$4 a song" - and I hope that, for those of us who can't make it to the show tonight, we can get a refund.

Sarah Boon

Not an easy road

Editors:

To the Protestors,

The government is not doing much for young people i agree, yet here are some of my own views:

1. The people of this part of the world are spoiled. We have an wonderful natural beauty, and good economy. Don't you think it is a little bit petty to bitch when so many people have hardly a scrap of anything!

You should thank god that you aren't living in the slums of Calcutta!

2. Life should be a system of challenge's not an easy road. I'm far from perfect, yet i don't treat all of the North American benefits lightly!

P. Reynolds

The horse is running

Editors:

I've been wandering Victoria lately, seeing some incredibly miserable people. Guy in a Jaguar, evidently quite wealthy, attractive partner—miserable. Woman decked out in fancy dress, a pair of shoes which look like they would cover my tuituion and rent for the term—miserable. Faceless, nameless hordes racing zombie-like through seemingly meaningless lives—miserable. What's going on? I'm reminded of five year old kids living on the street in Calcutta; no home, no family, little to eat and yet they were having a great time, laughing and joking with us silly westerners. I realize that standard of living is not synonymous with quality of life, but are they necessarily antithetical? We, as Canadians, are envied worldwide for all we have, the possibilities life offers us—how dare we be miserable and leading vacuous lives?

Somewhere in our past we hitched out collective chariot to a horse called Progress and were dazzled by where it took us initially. We became obsessed with making this horse more productive, more efficient, going futher, going faster. We lost sight of where it was taking us. The path became an unquestionable given, the sole consideration now is how well the horse is running. We forget that the horse is supposed to be serving us, not the other way around. We can no longer afford to submit to progress as an end unto itself. I've had enough of this horse, this ride it is taking us on. I want off—how do you do that?

Scott Priestman

BoD is right, sez Pringle

Editors:

As much as I love pointing out when the Student Society breaks its Constitution & Bylaws or otherwise acts improperly, the claim by Pam Grant that the UVSS "has completely breached their constitution" is not one of them.

The decision of who will represent the undergraduate students of a department is wholly up to the current Course Union executive. If a newly elected executive feels

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Quote of the week:
"Elvis' favorite foods included fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches, burnt bacon, lemon meringue pie, and cornbread in buttermilk."
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that a representative elected by the previous executive doesn't represent their views, they are fully within their rights to replace the old rep. The Student Society has no choice in the matter, the Director of Academics only passes this decision along to the BoD. It would've been a serious breach of the Bylaws and Policy Manual had the BoD overturned a decision of the elected Course Union executive.

The University has no bylaws regarding student representation on committees, a quick check of their approved Policy & Procedures on Gopher shows that Number 1021 approved by the Board of Governors states," ONE undergraduate student selected by the UVSS from among those students registered in the last two years of undergraduate programmes in the Department or Division;"

There are some real bylaw breaches and violations of common sense that the UVSS is guilty of which include:

1)failing to "maintain an electoral committee at all times."

2)failing to provide the required "notice of the opening of nominations" which should of appeared in last week's Martlet.

George S. Pringle

Awareness week

Editors

We are just writing to remind you that Feb. 6 - 12 is Eating Disorders Awareness week. There will be various posters around campus about next week's events but here is a quick synopsis:

Information on tables with videos all week in the S.U.B. and the University Centre foyer.

Panel discussion Monday Feb. 6 at 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. in cinecenta.

Eating Disorders Awareness Subculture Wed. Feb. 8 at 12:30 p.m. in cinecenta.

Everyone is WELCOME!
Thank you,

The UVic Women's centre

I love mud

Editors

Everyone who has been outside in the last month has noticed the wonderful liquid sunshine we've been blessed with (note this excludes many grad students like Mark Ellens).

So I just want to say I love mud puddles. You see, it's only on the BC coast where ducks mistake gutters as fishing zones, winter ponds comandeer fields, and soccer is a winter sport.

I love sloshing through wet, icky zones of our planet where the stereotypical western though of "everything must be oh-so-perfect" goes to mud.

I look forward to the day when (if) we reunite with the earth, the lifeforce of this great planet, and reclaim our position in the natural domain of our great environment.

But until that day, which I may never live to see should my life be greatly extended, I will have to suffice with the mud puddles and the ducks.

B. C. Lesiuk

Flyer offends

Editors:

It isn't normal practice for Martlet staff to write to the editors, but I'm really angry.

Did anyone else out there receive a lovely tabloid newspaper in the mail from She's a Child Canada? Why the fuck is this stuff allowed to be distributed?

If I want to know about abortion issues, I am going to seek that information myself, from sources I trust and respect. To me, an organization that sends random citizens tabloid size, full color pictures of fetuses through the postal system is not an organization to trust or respect.

PRO CHOICE IS PRO CHILD. PRO CHOICE IS PRO WOMAN. No organization has the right to make women feel guilty about excercising control over our bodies.

This propaganda was distributed locally by Victoria Pro-Life Society. If this unsolicited mail angered you, let them know.

I refuse to do She's A Child, Canada the service of printing their address, but if you threw your flyer away and want to send them a letter of protest, call the Martlet. The flyer is on file.

Thank you for this space.

Adrienne Mercer

STUDENT VOICE

Why Doesn't Everyone Own $500,000 Homes?

This seems pretty obvious but I will try and explain the logic. Most Canadians are reasonable people and they realize that only those who make large sums of money are able to afford the payments that accompany a $500,000 mortgage. It has been this way throughout history, the rich own more than the not-so-rich.

We are now facing a similar situation with education. Soon the payments that accompany university student loans will become much higher. Canadians are reasonable people and they will make a decision similar to the one they made with respect to their homes. They will ask themselves, "What can I afford?" The distinction between education and housing is that education is a fixed amount that you either can or can't afford; whereas, houses come with a variety of price tags. Therefore, the rich get educated while the not-so-rich don't.

This change in our education is financially based, according to Mr. Axworthy. The Wall Street Journal told us that we will soon be another Mexico. Yet the UN has declared Canada as one of the most desireable countries in the world. The Wall Street Journal even listed several Canadian cities in their Top Ten list which was printed a few pages after the Mexico comparison. This scenario is very confusing. Are Canadians just really nice people who have trouble managing money? What is it that makes us nice? I don't believe it is our financial status. I believe it is our diversity and this includes educational diversity.

If education becomes very expensive then only the wealthy and the wealthy-to-be will afford it. To become wealthy you need training in a field that is known to produce wealth. Engineers and computer scientists make a fair bit of money, as do managers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, doctors, therapists, pharmacists, medical physicists, and professors. Do you see a trend? Where are the cultural and social based professions? Do you see the irony in the list? Some of our wealthiest people are educated with public money and their salaries are also from public money.

Everyone around the world recognizes education as the key for both financial and social success. However, if our educated people are also the financially privileged and financially motivated then what happens to social priorities? There will be no one qualified to manage and develop those programs.

I am an engineer and I don't look forward to having educational peers that only include people with formal business and medical training - assuming our medical system does not disappear. I also don't look forward to living in a country deprived of social programs. To prevent this, I would be willing to pay at least a 3% tax that went directly to the universities of this country.

It will be a sad day when people are no longer given the opportunity to think and contemplate about the many complexities of our society and our planet.

Mark Ellens

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AGENDA - SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA STUDENTS' SOCIETY

February 15, 11:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. CINECENTA - STUDENT UNION BUILDING

A) The following constitutional additions and/or amendments require a 3/4 (three quarters) majority to pass:

i) moved Pollard/Gardiner BIRT Bylaw 6, Article 2(c) be amended, adding the following section:
"c. ii) a minimum of one (1) week for the campaigning period.";
BIFRT all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly

ii) moved Pollard/Shaw BIRT Bylaw 6, Article 6(c) be amended, striking the words "at-large or";
BIFRT Article 6(d) be added:
"d. If only one nomination is received for each Director-at-Large position, the candidates will be acclaimed and considered duly elected";
BIFRT all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly

iii) moved Gardiner/Tabert BIRT Bylaw 12, Article 1(b) be amended to add the word "quorate" to read:
"b. a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those voting in a quorate general meeting."

iv) moved Gardiner/Tabert BIRT Bylaw 15, Article 1 be amended to delete the following:
"Compliance with Society Act" and "and subject to the requirements of the Society Act of British Columbia" to read:
"1. **Subsidiary Organisations**
The Students' Society shall be allowed to form subsidiary organizations, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the Bylaws of the Students' Society."

v) moved Gardiner/Tabert BIRT Bylaw 21, Article 1(j) be added:
"i. The Organisational Development Committee, which shall function according to the Terms of Reference of the Organisational Development Committee.";

vi) moved Kruggel≥/Tabert BIRT Bylaw 2, Article 1(a) be amended, deleting the word "and" and replacing it with the word "moreover".

vii) moved Ingram/Bertagnolli BIRT Bylaw 13, Article 6(c) be deleted.

viii) moved Tabert/Sabourin BIRT Bylaw 20, be amended to replace all references to the words "Ombudsperson Committee" with the words "Ombudsperson Advisory Committee";
BIFRT Bylaw 20, Article 2(b) be amended deleting the words "express and" and replacing "the affected person or persons" with "the complainant";
BIFRT Bylaw 20, Article 2(c) be amended, deleting "Annual General Report to cover the entire term" and replacing it with "biannual reports covering the reporting periods";
BIFRT Bylaw 20, Article 2(c) be amended, deleting the words"Annual General Report" and replacing them with "Biannual Reports";
BIFRT Bylaw 20, Article 2(d) be amended so that the second sentence beginning with "Where in the course of office..." be renumbered to "e";
BIFRT all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly

B) The following are policy changes and/or amendments which require a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority to pass:

i) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
In-Camera Sessions:
1. a motion to move in-camera shall include the topic(s) to be discussed. No other issue(s) may be discussed during the session.
2. when a motion is made to come out of camera, that in-camera session ceases immediately and a five minute break shall be called to allow the return of the gallery. If this motion fails, the in-camera session will continue within the constraints of the original in-camera motion.

ii) moved Jensen/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The Students' Society shall publish a list of its committees, the committee membership and the committee meeting times on the notice board outside of the SUB General Office."

iii) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Games room policy be deleted.

iv) moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The Society condemns all discrimination based on sexual orientation."

v) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The Students' Society supports that equal priority be given to same sex couples as heterosexual couples in rentals units."

vi) Pringlet/Greenwell BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following Conflict of Interest regulations as policy:

A. Declaration of Interests
At the beginning of their term, each Director shall be given a copy of the Conflict of Interest regulations, and shall disclose all interests which might cause conflict of interest, such as (but not limited to) membership in any clubs, course unions, other executives or boards, financial interests (such as holdings, shares, etc.), and employment within the operations of the Students' Society.

B. Employment Conflict of Interest
1. If Board members apply for positions of employment within the operations of the Students' Society, they shall resign from the Board of Directors of the Students' Society (the Board) or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications.
2. Once they take office, Executive Directors must resign from any other paid positions in the operations of the Students' Society, or else shall be considered to have resigned from the Board.
3. If Directors-At-Large were already employees of the Students' Society before being elected, they may keep their employed position, but they must follow these restrictions:
a) they cannot be members of the following committees:
i) all divisional hiring committees; ii) the Personnel committee; iii) union executives; iv) bargaining committees; v) the Labour Management Committee
b) they must formally abstain from discussing and voting on:
i) the Management Wage Package; ii) the collective agreements; iii) other Personnel issues; iv) motions affecting their particular division of employment
4. If Directors apply for a Workstudy position within the operations of the Students' Society, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications. Exempt are those Workstudy positions within the operations of the VIPIRG, the Radio Society (CFUV-FM), the Martlet and the Women's Centre.

C. Club and Course Union Conflict of Interest
1. If Executive Directors are elected or acclaimed to any executive position, or if they are given signing authority, in any club or course union, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered at the time of their election or acclamation to that club or course union executive.
2. Directors who are members of clubs and/or course unions shall formally abstain from discussing and voting on specific money and privilege issues for their particular club and/or course union, but shall be allowed to vote omnibus on funding and policy for clubs and course unions, such as at the Clubs Council and Course Union Council meetings.

vii) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports an immediate freeze of tuition fees and supports the eventual total elimination of fees."

viii) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports increased representation of students on the Human Resource Development project."

ix) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Student's Society adopt the following as policy *(copies of the Declaration will be posted outside the SUB General Office, and will be available at the Resource Centre)*
"The UVSS endorses the Declaration of Students' Rights, as stated in the Canadian Federation of Students' policy manual, and will publish the declaration in the UVSS student handbook."

x) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports the democratization and an increase of student representation on the Board of Governors."

xi) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports Canada's withdrawal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Northern Radar Air Defense."

xii) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports the complete preservation of Clayoquot Sound, and the Carmanah, Walbran and Stein valleys."

xiii) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following policy:
"The UVSS supports the reduction, re-use, and recycling of all materials that are considered to be non-biodegradable and/or harmful to the global environment."

xiv) moved M. Thompson/Ozard BIRT the following be adopted as policy and served as notice for the Annual General Meeting:
"The UVSS supports an all grants system of financial aid."

xv) moved M. Thompson/Ozard BIRT the following be adopted as policy and served as notice for the Annual General Meeting:
"The UVSS opposes any stipulation for timely completion in the requirements for financial aid eligibility and remission."

xvi) moved M. Thompson/Ozard BIRT the following be adopted as policy:
"The UVSS supports zero tuition fees for students attending post-secondary institutions."

xvii) moved Pollard/N. Thompson BIRT the UVSS adopt the following policy:
"No commercial interest not operated by UVic Students' Society shall be permitted in the Student Union Building if it replaces or competes with UVic Students' Society businesses or services."

xviii) moved Pollard/M. Thompson BIRT the UVSS adopt the following policy:
"The UVSS supports the abrogation of the Canada/United States Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement."

xix) moved Pringle/Ozard BIRT the UVSS adopt the following policy:
"The UVSS recognizes the Qua'badawa as a sovereign nation."

xx) moved Duffy/M. Thompson BIRT the UVSS adopt the following policy:
"The UVSS opposes the advertisement, distribution, or sale of any item marketed or packaged as a personal security device; Furthermore, the UVSS forbids the advertisement, distribution or sale of any item marketed and/or packaged as a personal security device in the Student Union Building."

xxi) moved Gardiner/Pollard BIRT that Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The University of Victoria Students' Society Opposes the Commonwealth Games as it represents and celebrates the principles of the British Commonwealth including: colonialism, cultural and economic imperialism, genocide, racism, and commercial, ecological, human and cultural exploitation."

xxii) Whereas Sunera Thobani is a well respected member of B.C., Canada, and the world's community, and
Whereas her active work as President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, especially emphasizing the needs of women of colour, women of all sexual orientations, poor women, disabled women and women from the Developing countries, deserves an official recognition from the University of Victoria Students' Society,
moved Oleszczuk/N. Thompson BIRT Sunera Thobani be granted the status of honorary membership by the University of Victoria Students' Society, and
BIFRT the University of Victoria Students' Society nominate and endorse the nomination of Sunera Thobani to be recipient of a University of Victoria honorary degree.

xxiii) moved Gardiner/ Tabert BIRT the UVSS adopt the following as policy under the heading Accessibility:
"The UVSS condemns any review of the Social Security System in Canada which does not have as its primary goal that of improving Social Security in Canada. The UVSS further condemns any review of the Social Security System in Canada which has the effect of reducing funding to Social Programs."

xxiv) moved Gardiner/Tabert BIRT the UVSS adopt the following as policy under the heading Accessibility:
"The UVSS is opposed to any new student loans program which has the purpose of increasing the individual student's role in funding post secondary education. The UVSS is opposed to Income Contingent Repayment Plans and condemns any attempt to implement them."

xxv) moved Gardiner/Tabert BIRT the UVSS adopt the following as policy under the heading Student Assistance:
"The UVSS opposes the privatisation, and any discussion thereof, of the British Columbia Student Assistance Program."

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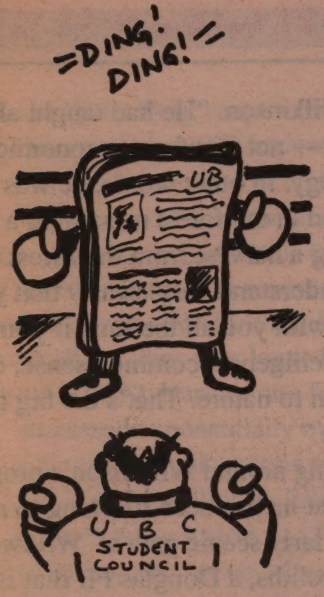

U of M amends harassment policy

by Lisa Draho, *The Manitoban*, University of Manitoba

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Women's groups are concerned about a proposed amendment to the University of Manitoba's sexual harassment policy, which would give the president of the university the authority to halt a sexual harassment investigation.

The current policy already allows for too much intervention by the vice-president — and that's why the policy is being revised in the first place, says Janet Sealey, vice-chairperson of the President's Advisory Council on Women (PACW).

The current policy says the vice-president (administration) can recommend a review by senior administration if she/he thinks the investigation officer's actions are inappropriate.

The proposed amendment says the vice-president can authorize a departure from regular investigation procedures in "exceptional circumstances" — and can halt an investigation altogether with the president's approval.

PACW is opposed to the recommendation because of the ambiguity of the term "exceptional circumstances."

According to PACW chairperson Barbara Sherriff, the term "leaves the policy wide open for abuse by future administrations." She argues that the entire statement should be removed.

PACW had suggested that the statement says that a departure can be authorized only "at the request of the investigation officer."

But U of M President Arnold Naimark says the statement is required to keep all routes of investigation open.

"What if you have an investigation officer that goes nuts and you have to intervene?" says Naimark. "Occasionally people are doing things that are inimical to the interests of the institution and you have to have a mechanism by which you can follow another line of investigation."

Naimark says senior administration must have authority over an investigation officer.

"You need to have an authority that goes beyond the investigation officer. You can't give the investigation officer, who is junior to vice-presidents or presidents, veto power over the authority of the senior officers." Sherriff disagrees.

"The investigations officers should have the final say — she is the expert in the matter," Sherriff says.

Naimark says the proposed amendment addresses PACW's concerns.

"The vice-president might want to sweep something under the rug and halt an investigation — so now if he intends to discontinue an investigation he must obtain the approval of the president. It has to be a high-level decision," Naimark says.

But the U of M Women's Centre has organized a petition against the proposed changes to the policy.

"The power to halt an investigation should exist, but it should not go to the president who is already in a powerful position," says Stephanie Southin from the Women's Centre. "It should go to an impartial committee or to the investigation officer."❑

Ubyssey is back

by Mohammad Ghiasvand and Ryan Nakashima, *The Charlatan*, Carleton University

OTTAWA (CUP) — *The Ubyssey*, the largest student newspaper at the University of British Columbia, has gained its independence from UBC's student council after 77 years under its control and a year of bitter infighting.

UBC students voted to pay $5 per full-time student in a referendum, held Jan. 16-20, to support financial autonomy for the paper from its publisher, the Alma Mater Society (AMS).

With about 30,000 full-time students and a pro-rated fee for part-time students, *The Ubyssey* stands to collect more than $150,000 in student levies.Students, however, can have their fees refunded.

The vote was 62 per cent in favour of *The Ubyssey*. Almost 5,400 students voted.

The AMS slammed the paper's poor taste and bad judgment last year and fired the eight elected editors in April, opting to appoint an editor-in-chief.

The first appointee left to pursue studies elsewhere, and a second quit, saying she did not like the control the AMS had over the paper.

The eight elected editors launched a wrongful dismissal suit against the AMS for $10,000 each, but one of them has since dropped the suit. The case is going to court Jan. 30.

Before the referendum, the AMS gave $30,000 to *The Ubyssey* each year, which was supplemented by $100,000 yearly in advertising revenue.

Niva Chow, news editor-elect of the paper, says she doesn't know when *The Ubyssey* will resume publishing — it stopped last April —or if she'll apply to be news editor again.

"You know how long fighting has been going on," says Chow. "It's not as if we're going to become friends just like that."

The AMS decided to hold the referendum at a council meeting Jan.5. *Ubyssey* staff who attended the meeting say council wanted to wash their hands of the paper and the past conflict.

"The feeling was that they [the AMS] wanted to not have to deal with *The Ubyssey*," says Siobhan Roantree, interim business manager of Ubyssey Publications, which now controls the paper.

"They didn't want to publish a paper."

"You know how long fighting has been going on."

AMS president-elect Janice Boyle could not be reached for comment.

Roantree says she hopes the paper will publish again in March. She says the AMS and *The Ubyssey* seem to be "getting along right now."

The AMS is considering giving the paper an interest-free loan to start it up before the student levy comes through next September.

Chow says the levy will go to rebuilding the paper from scratch,since it no longer has equipment or an office. The offices were trashed last spring.

Chow says asking for a high levy now will ensure difficult fee-increase referendums in the future can be avoided.

"We want to get it all done at once so we don't have to worry about our student levies any more."❑

Experts study Beluga whales

McGill Daily,McGill University

MONTREAL (CUP) — St. Lawrence River beluga whales are so polluted that when they die, the animals are classified as toxic waste.

Tests on beached whales revealed that they were "loaded with contaminants of all kinds," said Natalie Zinger, director for the Quebec branch of the World Wildlife Federation (WWF). The contaminants include PCBs, DDT, Myrex and some heavy metals.

Also, St. Lawrence River whales have more than 10 times the PCB contaminants than Arctic beluga whales.

It has been estimated that the population of beluga whales at the turn of the century was in the thousands. Current estimates number the whales at around 50.

Environmentalists say that the drop is due to the pollution of their habitat, which gets worse daily.

"There seems to be a kind of scientific unanimity that the PCBs affect the immune system of the beluga whale.

There seems also to be an adverse effect on reproduction," said Daniel Green of the Socit pour vaincre la pollution (SVP) Green added that beached beluga cows showed signs of breast infections, and that there may be a link between the pollutants and cancer.

Zinger observed that these findings have implications for people, since the whales eat many of the same contaminated fish that we do. After all, the whales "are swimming in the water we're drinking."

"What we have heard of the plan is that it won't be very target oriented."

In June of last year, a committee of 10 experts from the WWF and Fisheries and Oceans Canada was formed to study the problems affecting the beluga whale and to develop a recovery strategy for the animals.

The plan will "identify what are the limiting factors and the threats to the beluga whales. It's also going to suggest ways of counter-acting or removing the threats," said Zinger.

But SVP's Green said his group is "very nervous the way things are going." He explained that Fisheries and Oceans Canada "seem to be dragging their feet" with regards to the plan.

Green is also concerned about the direction of the plan. "What we have heard of the plan is that it won't be very target oriented. It will be more research oriented," he explained.

Green would like the proposal to include "very specific targets" for expansion of the whale population in the river, and a "more aggressive plan to stabilize the population."

However, Zinger said that the plan will outline a set of actions and procedures for monitoring the whales as well as a timetable for recovery.

The plan is expected to be released in the summer, and a public review will follow.❑

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UVSS Board of Directors Report - Summary:

The UVSS Board of Directors has been actively working on a number of issues, campaigns and events since the last General Meeting in October of 1994. A very visible project is that of SUB Expansion. The first phase of SUB Expansion is well under way with most of the structure up and much of the interior design work already decided upon. Phase I construction is expected to be completed by early October to open January, 1996 at which point Phase II construction (renovations to the existing building) will begin. Another issue the Board has been working on has involved negotiations with the University to ensure that a more satisfactory opt out procedure is in place for students with alternate health plans so that they are not required to pay up front should a health plan be in place next year.

The Students' Society has put a lot of time and energy into campaigning against the federal government's proposed Social Policy Review. A panel was held in November with student representatives, Dan Miller and Elizabeth Cull to discuss the proposed changes. This was followed by the formation of Strike and Education committees to inform and involve students around campus in protesting the proposed cuts. The organising culminated in the extremely successful Strike and Rally on January 25 which was part of a National Day of Student Strike and Action called for by the Canadian Federation of Students. Much work still needs to be done on this issue and it will be a continuing campaign, along with Eating Disorders Awareness Week, International Women's Week...

Since October, the Board has organised several events for students, including the Halloween dance in the Commons Block and the Spirit of the West Concerts. As well, Sub*Culture*, a free noon-time speakers series held every Wednesday has proved very successful. Upcoming speakers include Svend Robinson and Elizabeth Walker of BC CASA; all speakers address a wide variety of topics and issues so look for posters advertising each weekly event.

If you want to ask questions of this year's Board of Directors as well as have direct input into the direction your Students' Society will take...

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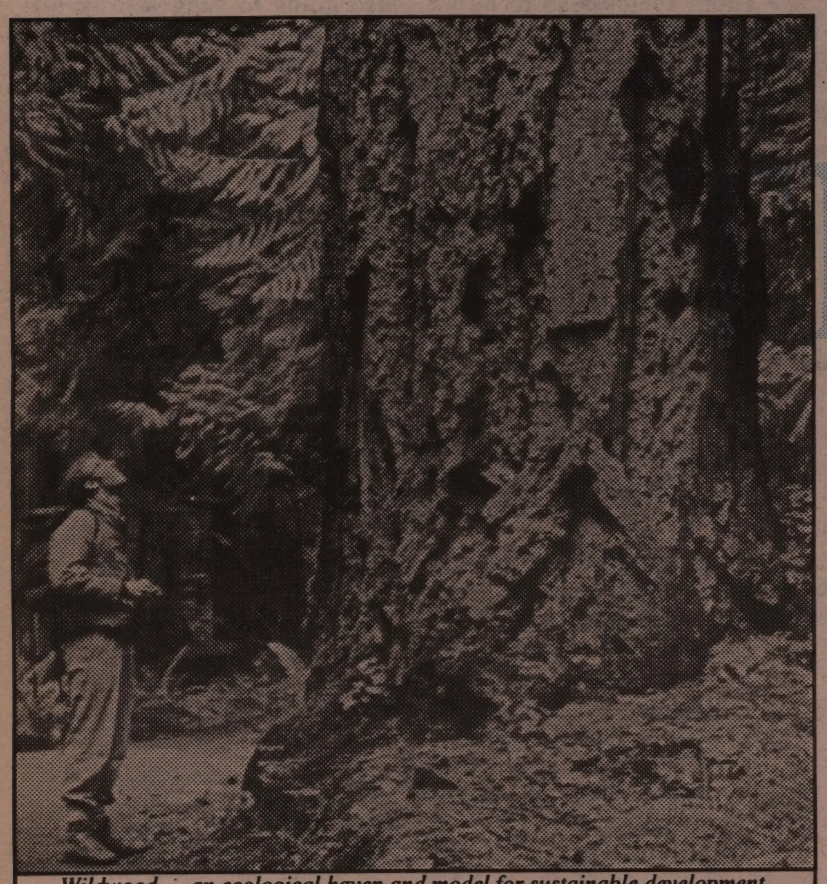
Clearcut near Telegraph Trail, B.C. Resultant soil degradation creates irreversible damage.



Wildwood — an ecological haven and model for sustainable development.
Paul Nanton photo

Merve Wilkinson — called "magnificently unrepentent" at the Clayoquot Sound trials.
Paul Nanton photo

Thinkin

by Dena Cato

The year 1994 was characterized by feelings of outrage, hope, and futility in British Columbia as the battle raged on between corporate control, government mismanagement, and public outcry over the province's ravaged forests. Hundreds were arrested in Clayquot Sound, rallying for preservation of the forests while protesting an industry founded almost exclusively on clearcutting and overcutting

Meanwhile, 15,000 forest industry workers staged a massive demonstration at Victoria's parliament buildings decrying job loss and expressing vehement opposition to the provincial government's answer to conservation - the CORE report.

The circle of anger and confusion seems to be unending, yet alternatives to the government's "cut now, worry later" methodology do exist. On a 136 acre tree farm named "Wildwood" near Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, 80 year old forester, Merve Wilkinson, is trying to show the province there is an alternative.

"I practice sustainable, selection forestry," says Wilkinson. He is a gentle man. He helped raise seven children, including four foster children, he was nominated Senior of the Year in 1994 and was arrested in Clayquot Sound in 1993 with his wife, Anne, for defending the forests.

"I work with nature, only harvesting what's equal to my annual growth rate each year, not the capital which you remove when you clearcut. Clearcutting has been a dismal failure wherever it's used - sustainable selection is the only method that guarantees a forest."

Wilkinson bought Wildwood, a rolling expanse of lush coastal Douglas Fir, Cedar, and Hemlock forest in 1938 when he was 21 years old. He has made nine cuts from the forest since his first cut in 1945, (he is currently completing his tenth) which has earned him over a third of his income.

"For a long time forestry hasn't been my whole income because I have a fairly small area of land," says Wilkinson. I spent about 20 percent of my time in the forest and the rest of the time I spent as a builder. With a bigger parcel of land, a person could make their living from the forest."

His method of logging is "selective", meaning that trees of suitable height and diameter are felled individually, carried out to main roads by a small skidder (a tractor for hauling logs) and milled on-site. The method is "sustainable" because the forest ecosystem is left intact and fundamentals such as soil and water processes are not degraded. Today, Wildwood has approximately 1.5 million board feet of timber — the same amount that existed when Wilkinson bought the property in 1938.

"In the late 30's, I was given a forestry course by a man who had taught forestry in Sweden," states Wilkinson. "He had taught all aspec forestry — not just forest economics and f technology. In other words, he was as muc interested in the forest remaining a forest a obtaining a harvest from the forest. He all me to understand very clearly that you cou a forest with you all the time if you simply some intelligence, common sense, don't o and listen to nature. That's the big thing, li to nature."

Walking around Wilkinson's property, i to see that he has been listening to nature. a particularly scenic path at Wildwood gr two monoliths, a Douglas Fir that is over 1800 years old — a seedling in the year 109 A.D., and another that stretches 23 stories high into the canopy.

"I've left them because they're very hardy trees, ve enduring," says Wilkinson. "They have e everything that nature can throw at them. leave them as cover for the smaller trees the younger generation. This is what prod excellent young seedlings that grow up th

Walking along one of his small loggin he will point out bayberry trees, whose ba explains, can be used as a laxative. Further on, appears a grove of licorice root growing underneath the shade of a young hemlock. The fern can be used to create a decongestant. There is even a Pacific yew which is used as a primary ingredient in promising cancer-treating drug manufact the United States.

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"People have harvested salal and swor for the florists here," says Wilkinson. "T' people hunt fish and act as tourists on thi property. All these uses are applicable to of forestry."

Wilkinson's forestry methods are little recognized, yet are an unbelievably succe alternative in a province where over 90 p the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) is harv clearcutting. With clearcut scars spreadin wildfire across the province, creating the of a patch-work quilt wilderness, people alarmed and the facts supporting the dest nature of clearcutting keep piling up.

Herb Hammond, registered professiona forester and forest ecologist, sites conseq

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the Trees. They range from habitat loss, soil degradation, and fish habitat destruction to altered microclimates, loss of biological diversity, and loss of overall forest vitality.

The rate at which this transition is occurring is also frightening. A report released in April of 1994 by the World Wildlife Fund stated that half of all the trees ever logged in B.C. have been cut since 1972. Harvest rate for the province has increased exponentially over the past century from 6.7 million cubic metres of wood harvested in 1912, to 34 million in 1960 to a staggering 89 million cubic metres in 1987. In 1991-92, 74.9 million cubic metres of wood was extracted from B.C.'s forests. According to *Forestopia* , by M. M'Gonigle and Ben Parfitt, the official estimate of the Long Run Sustained Yield (LRSY) is only 59 million cubic metres.

"There's no other reason for it [the rapid rate of cutting] being done other than politics and greed," says Wilkinson. "You can generate your wealth all at once or you can spread it out over the years. Sure, I'm not a millionaire like if I turned it all into cash, but I've had a wonderful life. I've been to Europe four times. The people doing this have a nice standard of living, they're happy."

"If I had taken the first offer I had for my timber, to be clearcut, in 1939, I would've gotten $1,500 for everything I had on it," says Wilkinson. "If I'd had taken that $1,500 and put it in the bank at 6 1/2 percent and never spent a nickel of it, I'd have $25,000 in the bank today. Compared to what I get out of a cut now, it's peanuts. These are the things you've got to think about."

Wilkinson also stresses the fact that more people work in a small scale operation. He himself employs a skidder, a faller, and truck driver when he takes a cut. Between 1981 and 1991, the forest industry lost a total of 27,000 jobs, 98 percent of which were a direct result of mechanization. By keeping the forest industry labor intensive, says Wilkinson, these type of statistics can be reversed.

"Continuous production means continuous jobs," says Wilkinson. "When we clearcut, we're shutting the forest down. We're taking it out of commission for years. When companies clearcut, they cut down all the young trees and many times burn them instead of using them. They end up losing 10 to 15 years of productivity this way."

Wildwood is a carefully crafted business. Because each tree translates directly into Wilkinson's income, nothing is wasted in the process of logging and milling. Lumber is cut out of the cores of the trees, but even the remains are utilized and translate into extra dollars in the form of firewood, fenceposts, furniture, and flooring. It's a process called value-adding, which means adding worth through using more of the wood and manufacturing it into finished products.

It also creates job stability. The Select Standing Committee on Forests estimated in 1991, that it took half a million board feet of lumber production to keep just one job going in today's highly automated sawmills. In contrast, they estimated that in the value-added wood products industry, that the same amount of wood created a little more than 4.5 full-time jobs.

"In 1986, Switzerland had one-tenth of B.C.'s cut," says Wilkinson. "That's amazing, considering the size of the country. But their cut goes right down to something 1/2 inch in diameter, which has use. Even sawdust used for smoking meat is volume that's part of the cut. It has value. This is what I'd like to see here."

Not only is everything utilized at Wildwood, but the timber that Wilkinson does sell to the forest companies generates top prices. Over 80 percent of the wood that comes out of Wildwood is in the top one third of market prices. Wilkinson attributes this in part to the fact that he allows the forest to reseed itself, without the use of pesticides, herbicides, or nursery-grown seedlings.

"Many of the chemicals used in forestry are very similar to what is in the soil," says Wilkinson. "Moose, deer, and elk are all short on minerals, so if you use chemically produced seedlings, you can create an unnatural appetite in the ungulates for coniferous trees. I was given some trees by one of the forest nurseries once just to try them. I was given half a dozen and I camoflauged them among the natural seedlings. They were gone overnight. Sure, the deer will go crazy, they'll eat them like ice-cream."

"Diversity in the forest is a key point," adds Wilkinson. "Having a multi-height and age species forest is the answer to so many of our problems because with that balance comes the balance of bird life, insect life, fungal systems, microbe systems, bacteria and all the others. I'm still learning something new every year."

"Merv knows every bird, tree, and animal in his forest," says Duncan Taylor, an environmental studies professor at the University of Victoria who has been taking his students to Wildwood since 1986. "He's an elder. He embodies over half a century of hands on experience in forestry in B.C. This is invaluable.

"He has shown an ability to care for the land in terms of many values including economic, spiritual, wildlife, water, biodiversity and many others. He is someone who continues to make a difference."

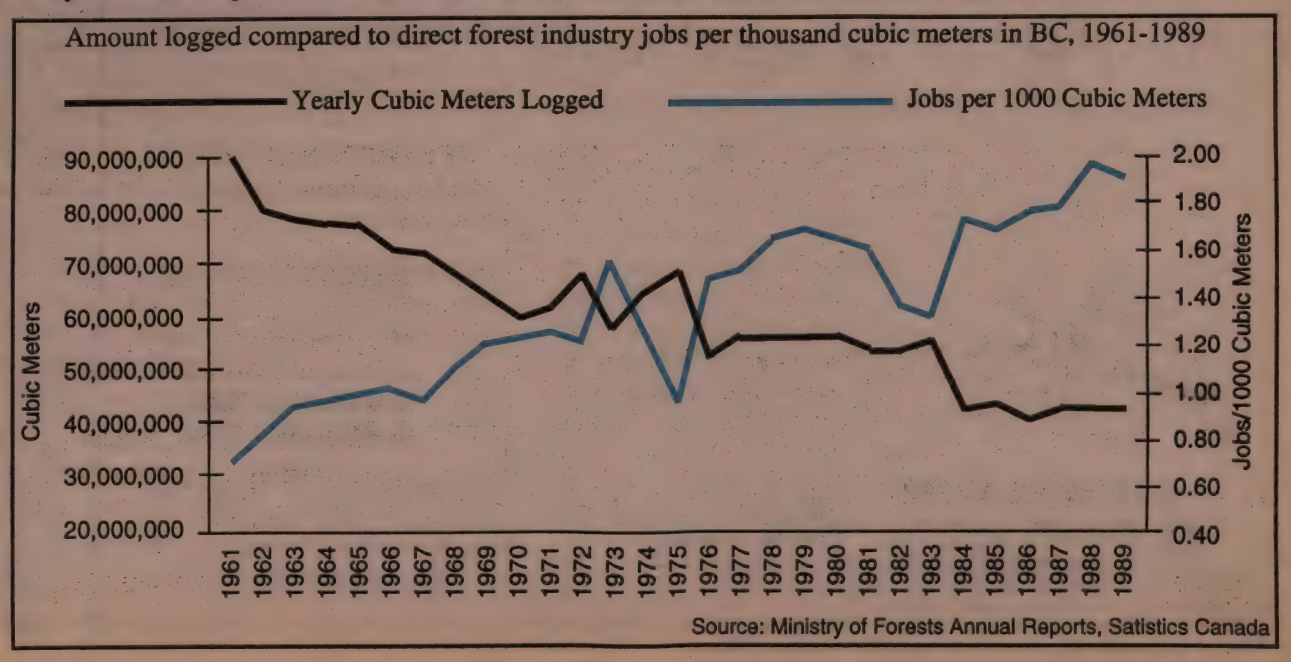
"I have a philosophy, where you don't go into the forest with a tool unless you know the forest," says Wilkinson.

It's a philosophy that he's been trying to share with the government and forest industry — so far, to no avail. Wilkinson has been extending invitations to Ministry employees to visit Wildwood since the late 1940's — even offering to make a presentation to them at their own convenience — but, as yet, no cabinet minister in power has ever taken him up on it. Recently, Andrew Pedder, Minister of Forests for B.C., Janna Kumi, Assistant Deputy Minister, and Bronwen Beedle, Deputy Chief Forester, were all scheduled to visit, but within a few days of their appointment they cancelled with no comment on when or if they would reschedule.

"I feel pressure was put on them not to come," says Wilkinson, obviously frustrated by the cancellation. "In one sense I am surprised, because they really seemed interested in coming. But I've learned with politicians and bureaucrats that you can never quite trust them. It's a pretty sad reflection on our country when people can find their way here from Siberia, Africa, and Europe but the politicians can't even find their way from Victoria."

If Pedder and his associates do ever visit Wildwood, Wilkinson is prepared. He's been rehearsing his message for four decades.

"We've had too much ownership of the government by industry," says Wilkinson. "We need to make land available for the smaller operator, take things to the community level. I'm going to show them what I have, the records that I have. I'm going to show them an advantage they should recognize: that selection cutting is an applicable method in B.C. You can work with nature."



Students for Literacy benefit raises awareness

by Adrienne Mercer

Students for Literacy Benefit
Carolyn Neapole
Felicita's Pub
January 28

Some came because they know Carolyn Neapole's vocal range and stage presence are nearly unmatchable.

Others knew little about her, but wanted to support Students for Literacy, a student-run club that has had remarkable success in our community, despite constant funding difficulties.

Either way, the January 28 benefit concert for literacy left the crowd-and it was a crowd-more than satisfied.

"This is such an important event," said Neapole, who was asked to play the benefit by a friend involved with Students for Literacy. "It's important because it will raise awareness. There are people here tonight who don't know much about the literacy problem, but now they're interested. The more volunteers that get involved with Students for Literacy, the stronger the organization will become."

Neapole played three sets of energetic, motivating music, including covers of the Cowboy Junkies, Indigo Girls, Sinéad O'Connor, and Concrete Blonde. She soared through a version of kd lang's "Constant Craving", and encouraged the crowd to sing along to the popular Counting Crows tune "Omaha".

Neapole also performed two of her own songs, which were well received, particularly the wistful "So Much More".

"She is outstanding," said Jim Haggerstone, a familiar Felicita's bartender who worked the event. "I snuck out from behind the bar so I could hear {the song} better. She should play more of her own material, because it's really amazing."

Neapole played three sets of energetic, motivating music.

Fourth year Women's Studies major Miranda Duffy agreed.

"She is so strong...she's got a voice that could break walls," Duffy said. "She is very positive and empowering."

Volunteers Melody Katz, Karen Clarkson, Hayley Hewson, Treena Stainsby, and Joy Munt were recognized for outstanding contributions as members of Students for Literacy.

Suzanne Doyle, who recently resigned as president of the organization, presented the five women with certificates of appreciation, signed by the president of Frontier College.

"Everyone involved with the organization has worked really, really hard," said Doyle, organizer of the benefit and founder of the UVic branch of Students for Literacy.

Doyle told supporters at the benefit she has learned a lot through her involvement with Students for Literacy.

"I have learned to put my foot down and not take no for an answer," she said. "In regards to funding, and lack thereof, I am not angry. I think that anger is really disappointed hope, and I have a lot of hope left."

Doyle extended a warm thank you to Neapole, who played determinedly for over two hours, despite an obviously uncomfortable case of the flu.

"These last two songs are just going to trash my voice, but they're both totally cool, so I'm going to play them even if I won't be able to talk tomorrow," said Neapole.

She closed off the show with intense versions of Concrete Blonde's "Joey", and the passionate and much-covered Dire Straits song "Romeo and Juliet". Both songs were met with thunderous applause from audience members, many of whom sang along with Neapole throughout the evening.

For more information about Students for Literacy, contact the new program coordinators Letitia Lipp and Monique Brewer at 389-4029.❑

Carolyn Neapole's benefit concert, at Felicita's Jan. 28, helped raise money and awareness for Students for Literacy.
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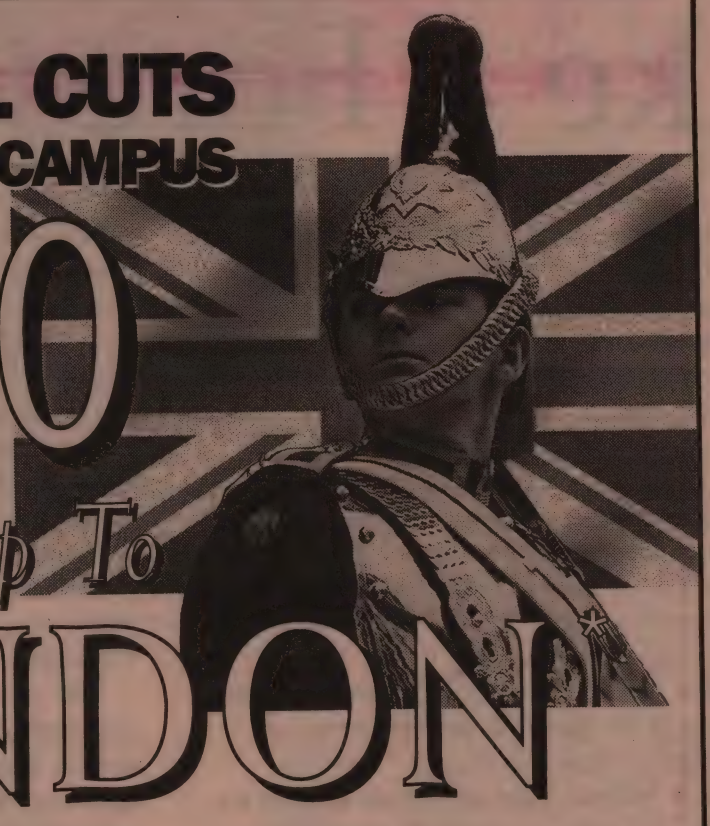

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Balance has arrived

by Lucas Aykroyd

Balance
by Van Halen
Warner Records
1995

Fans of Van Halen have been riding an emotional see-saw since 1991. Yes, the band's 1993 live record *Right Here, Right Now* was an awesome display of California hard-rocking power. But it only included one new tune, a cover of "Won't Get Fooled Again" by The Who.

Waiting four years for fresh studio material made some people lean nostalgically toward the days when singer David Lee Roth held centre stage, and a new Van Halen release was an annual event.

But now the focus has shifted and *Balance* has finally arrived.

On this 12-track disc, Eddie Van Halen retains his crown as the world's most dynamic guitarist, while also expanding his songwriting palette. His gift for up-tempo pop hooks shines through on "Take Me Back" and "Can't Stop Lovin' You", sure-fire singles enhanced by subtle chord changes and modulations.

He hasn't abandoned the spine-chilling electric riffs which have lifted the band since their 1978 debut. Check out "Don't Tell Me" for some monster rhythm playing, as well as "Aftershock", which rocks like "Panama" from 1984.

At times, Eddie takes a more laid-back, lyrical approach to his solos on *Balance*. But he still knows how to pull out all the stops, as his hammer-ons and tapping assault prove on "Feelin'."

Meanwhile, Sammy Hagar's voice continues to improve with age. The 47-year-old lead vocalist uses his unrivaled howl to humorous effect on "Big Fat Money", a high-energy 1990s update of a song the Beatles made famous: "Money (That's What I Want)." Hagar's delicate phrasing on the ballad "Not Enough" suits Eddie's keyboard work perfectly.

Eddie Van Halen retains his crown as the world's most dynamic guitarist

Don't overlook the rhythm section. Bassist Michael Anthony and drummer Alex Van Halen have forged real chemistry, sounding tighter than ever as the band matures. Anthony's 16th-note fusillade on "The Seventh Seal" is a highlight. And the instrumental "Baluchitherium" confirms Alex's place among drumming legends like Ginger Baker and John Bonham.

Roth has gone leaping off into the sunset. Eddie's classic Marshall amplifier has been retired. The group has started getting haircuts. In short, it ain't the same anymore.

But as Diamond Dave once said: "You gotta roll with the punches." *Balance* shows that Van Halen will still stand tall when Pearl Jam is just a memory.❑

Spirit supports strike with benefit

by Stacy Cooke
and Sarah Gorlewski

"I could feel the stage moving under me. It was scary," Geoffrey Kelly of Spirit of the West said.

The band had played four songs, including "If Venice is Sinking", for their first show at the Commons Block, Tues. January 24. The force of the crowd leaning had pushed the stage backwards, and the stage lights were about to fall.

Scot McFadyen of Beastie Productions persuaded a bewildered audience to step back. For safety reasons, the remainder of the concert was postponed until the following evening.

Wednesday night's performance was played with the addition of a safety barricade. Spirit of the West finished their playlist while downstairs, Fungkus entertained the ticket holders for the second show. With Spirit of the West playing two shows, there was not time for The Love Babies and Through the Gate to play, as advertised.

Both SOTW shows were high-energy and highly entertaining. During an intermission, drummer Vince Dietrich pulled his jogging pants up to his chest and performed a solo song and dance number.

Geoffrey Kelly (wind instruments, guitar), expressed his concern with the Social Policy Review's cuts to education. "I would hate for education to become a class thing, it would deny the world of some brilliant minds," he said.

He said the group has enjoyed their recent tour, particularly campus dates. They had just returned from a week in Alberta, where they were pleased to see students organizing for the National Student Strike.

During this tour, SOTW have included new songs from a soon-to-be released album. The band was reluctant to classify their new album. "We took a lot of heat for changing directions with the*Go Figure* album. Our spectrum of capabilities has widened now that we use more instruments. The drummer, Vince Ditrich, has opened things up."

Kelly said SOTW has accumulated many "dust collectors" — a Juno or two, a West Coast music award, and awards for most popular campus-playing group.

The band did a three-week tour across the U.S. last year with the Tragically Hip, and were in Europe last April and May, where they played with the German group, Poems From Laila.

But they say they feel most loved in B.C.

Spirit of the West were joined by three lesser-known B.C. bands for strike benefit concert. The Love Babies describe their music as "hard-edge, psychedelic, guitar/drum/vocal-driven electronic-based pop."

Brian, Love Babies'guitarist joked, "Nice of us, wasn't it, to give Spirit of the West the honor of playing with us tonight."

Brian, who is paying off his student loan, said he was pleased to be in a benefit concert especially for students, in support of the strike.

Fungkus also expressed support for the strike: "If you want an educated society, education has to be accessible for all." They thought the politically-charged atmosphere of the concert was beneficial to everyone's enjoyment of their music, and "gave everybody a common thread."

Sam, Fungkus' bass player, and an Anthropology major at UVic, estimated it would take 5,000 gigs to pay for next year's tuition.❑

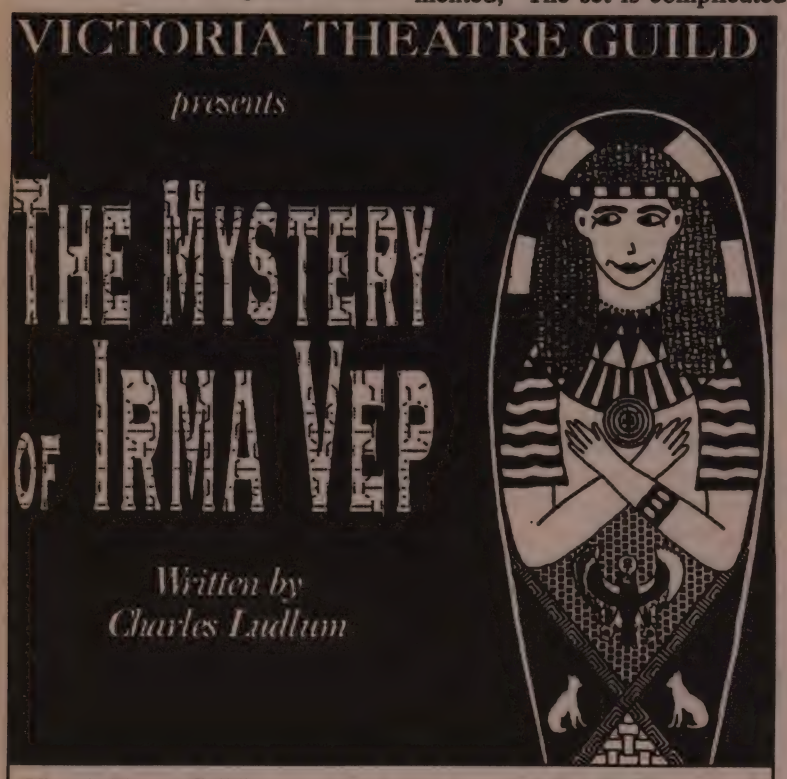
Although delayed by a day due to unauthorized stage movement, Spirit of the West's strike benefit concert, at the Commons Block Jan. 26, was a success.

Vep ensures laughter

by Antoinette Smyth

The Mystery of Irma Vep
Langham Court Theatre
Jan. 26 - Feb. 11

Tired of the slow pace on Melrose? Then do yourself a favour and check out *Irma Vep* this week.



Victoria Theatre Guild's current production suceeds with a flexible cast and over- the-top dramatism.

Written by Charles Ludham, Vep's B grade antics ensure non stop laughter.

Vep's eight characters are played superbly by Tim Crofton and Paul Terry. The quick changes were so smooth that one audience member later argued emphatically that there were four actors. "It's fun watching the audience start to figure it out," said director Matt Bissett, a UVic Theatre student.

Vep takes on everything including Wuthering Heights, werewolfs, second marriages and Egyptologists - nothing is sacred.

The play is set in the manor house of Mandacrest, where the presence of a new Lady Hillcrest stirs up netherworld occurences. Determined to uncover the mystery, Edgar Hillcrest, played by Paul Terry, travels to Egypt.

The set, designed by UVic theatre student Todd Skinner, takes the audience from England to the tombs of Egypt. Skinner commented, "The set is complicated and required flexability."

UVic shows a strong presence in *Vep*, with 15 students and graduates in the show. Bissett is indebted to Langham Court for the opportunities the theatre provides for students. "[It's] really the only place a UVic student can go to get real experience," he said.

Tim Crofton and Paul Terry make this play succeed with over-the-top dramatism (at one point Lady Enid looks at the audience pointedly, says "Wait for it", and continues) and impressive character changes.

A parody of melodrama, *The Mystery of Irma Vep* is engagingly performed and well directed.❑

Notice of General Election
University of Victoria Students' Society

University of Victoria Students' Society period for submission of nomination:

Nominations open: February 7, 1995 at 10:00 a.m.
Nominations close: February 17, 1995 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Nomination packages are available at the Students' Society Resource Centre, SUB, Room 135. Completed forms must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer, in the Students' Society Resource Centre.

The campaigning period runs from Monday, February 27, 1995 at 8:00 a.m. to Monday, March 13, 1995 at midnight.

The date by which mail-out ballots shall be considered duly cast is Thursday, March 16, 1995.

Polling days run March 14, 15 and 16.

The positions available are as follows:
- eleven Director-at-Large positions
- four executive positions: Director of Academics, Director of Services, Director of Finance and Chairperson, and
- the official representatives of the YES and NO sides of the following referendum questions:

1) Are you in favour of continuing the Student Extended Health Plan available to students taking two or more courses at a cost of $9.38 per month ($112.50 per year-unchanged from the current year,) with the following improvements to coverage:

- out of province/country - $1, 000,000 (up from $5,000)
- 70% reimbursement with no maximum for prescription drugs (including oral contraceptives)
- no maximum for accidental dental (up from $1, 000)
- no maximum for emergency ambulance (up from $250)
- addition of naturopathy, psychology and massage therapy and more comprehensive coverage for chiropractic and physiotherapist
- addition of benefits in case of illness (previously some benefits were limited to injury only)

*Students with equivalent coverage who opt out will no longer be required to pay up front and wait for reimbursement. Instead a mechanism will be in place to eliminate the charge from their accounts.

YES_____ NO_____

2) Do you approve of the following increase in the collection of students' fees:

That the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) fee be increased by $2.25 per full time student per term to a total of $6.00 ($3.00 per part time student) to implement the change approved at the 1993 General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students.

YES_____ NO_____

For More information Call the Chief Electoral Officer at 721-8369

Ishmael explores root of our problems

by David Garrison

Ishmael
by Daniel Quinn
Bantam/Turner, 1992

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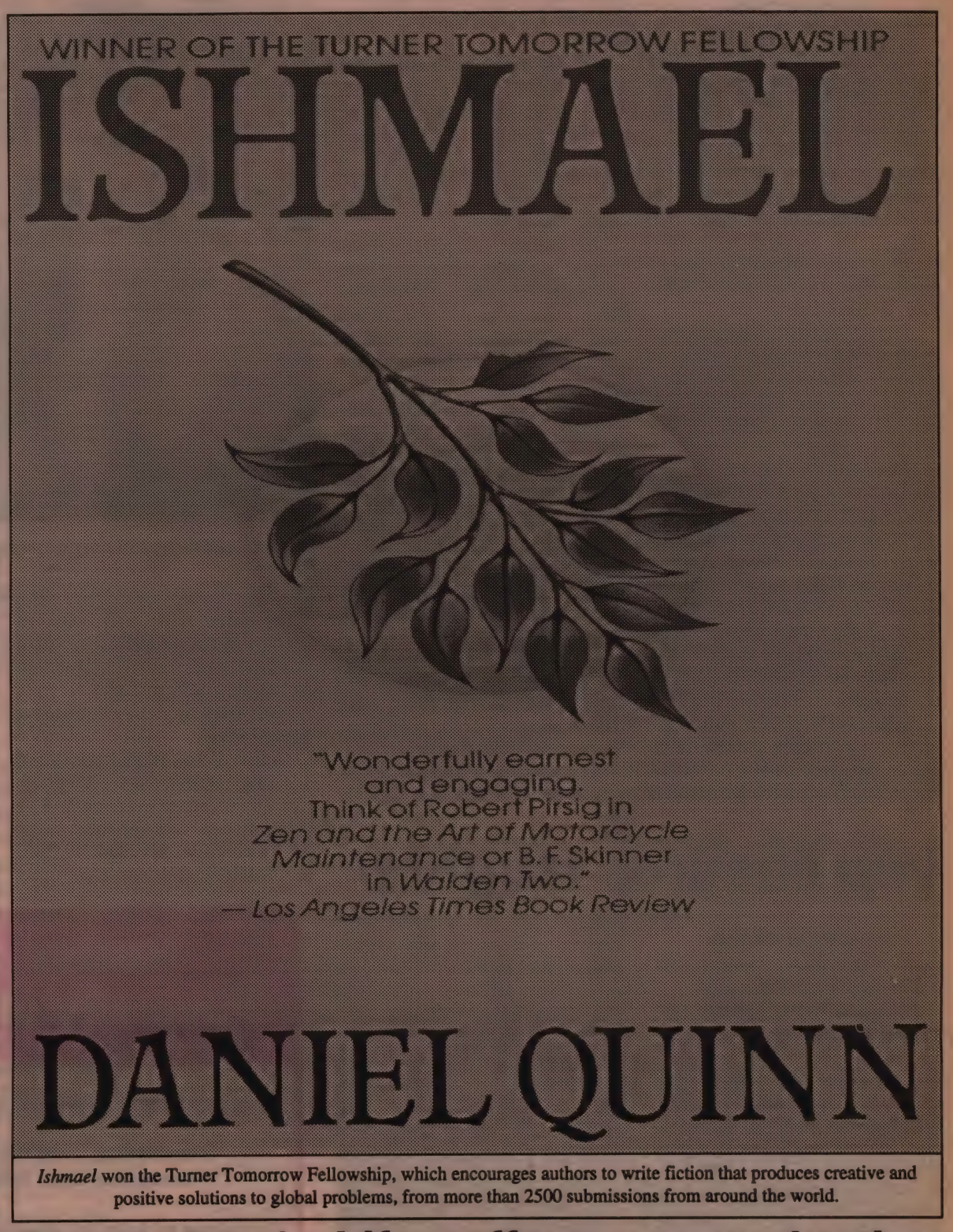
Ishmael does, and what we finally discover can only be defined as a "grand unified theory" of our problems.

The heart of this examination is a new perspective on western culture's roots: the story of Adam and Eve. We are shown, convincingly, how the story could never have been written by our ancestors — the originators of our culture — but instead must have been written by our enemies.

Ishmael ends with both narrator and reader realizing the journey humanity is on will ultimately fail and we must change. The story is eloquently written and flawlessly argued; the student is left with little choice but to embrace this new perspective.

Considering the magnitude of the issues explored, Ishmael is amazingly low-key. The cover is simple and unassuming, which is consistent with the book's mild-mannered approach, yet its message is earth-shattering.❑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"Wonderfully earnest and engaging. Think of Robert Pirsig in Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance or B. F. Skinner in Walden Two."
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DANIEL QUINN

Ishmael won the Turner Tomorrow Fellowship, which encourages authors to write fiction that produces creative and positive solutions to global problems, from more than 2500 submissions from around the world.

Groening silly in *Love*

by Christine Geddes

Love is Hell
by Matt Groening

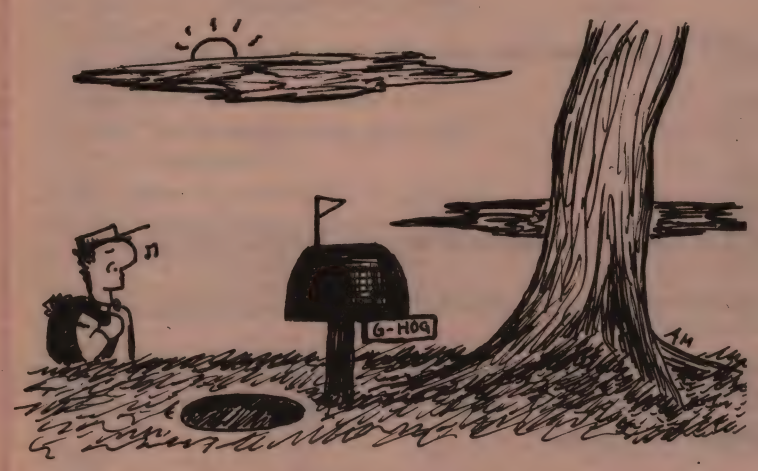
No, it's not *War and Peace*. It's not even as sophisticated as Calvin and Hobbes. But *Love is Hell* , the new cartoon book by Matt Groening, is guaranteed to make you laugh out loud at least once.

Groening uses the kinds of humour found on his TV series The Simpsons - sarcasm, cynicism, and dry wit. It works in book format too, though perhaps not as well.

Readers will receive essential tips on such burning issues as: "How to keep from getting sick and tired of your true undying eternal love," and "What not to say during moments of intimacy."

If that's not enough to make you run out and buy the book, it also provides useful advice on whether you should move in/get married/have kids, and makes the "Guide to modern love" available for your personal collection.

The book contains hilarious cartoons, but some pieces are just plain dumb, and it tends to be repetitive. It's best to read a few cartoons at a time, rather than reading the entire book at one sitting. Generally, however, *Love is Hell* should be taken for what it's meant to be - a silly cartoon book that happens to be pretty funny. ❑



Strangelove's *Life* suffers overproduction

by Brian Brown

Time for the Rest of Your Life
Strangelove
EMI
1994

Strangelove has some hidden treasure in this album, but it is buried too deep.

Many of the songs are melancholy, such as "I Will Burn", "Low Life" and "World Outside."

Much of the album suffers from obscure lyrics, which describe emotions but fail to define their source. Lines like "Make the shapes accustom while I hide" and "you're not a real shadow anymore" seem to pop out of nowhere.

The music mixes acoustic guitar, piano, bass and drums, and tends towards melodic styles. Overall, the album suffers from overproduction.

However, the album has some strong moments. "All Because of You" is a wonderful melodic piece. "Is There A Place?" has powerful bass and guitar overlaps. Two okay songs are the dreamy "Sand", and "Hopeful", which has a good opening attack.

Ultimately, however, the album disappoints. It's sort of like KISS albums of the 80s, which had specks of gold hidden in mounds of waste.

Strangelove undoubtedly have talent, but they need to focus their lyrics and their production.❑

Feature songs worse than fillers

by Brian Brown

universal
by K-Klass
EMI 1994

I smell cheese. Camembert? Gouda? No, it's K-Klass.

K-Klass represents some of the cheesiest techno-Euroshlock to hit our hemisphere in ages.

There have been great dance songs in recent years, but they have passion and proficiency. Qualities which K-Klass abysmally lacks.

You know an album sucks when the three "feature" songs listed are even worse than the "filler" songs. That's the case here.

"Let Me Show You" has an annoying, high-pitched kazoo note in the background. "Don't Stop" has not one but two annoying notes, and oh-so-original lyrics: "Move your body to the rhythm of love."

Last and least, "Rhythm is a Mystery" has an agonizing siren sound, along with a lame bass line and other ludicrous effects. Whereas a good group would use an occasional record-rub for flavor, K-Klass tries to build the song around it.

K-Klass is the new trend in European dance music, they should show us some mercy and refrain from exporting it.❑

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Virtual fish don't need food

by Andrew Lustig, the Varsity
University of Toronto

TORONTO (CUP)

In the wake of the virtual reality revolution, U of Toronto researchers have created the latest in a series of virtual inventions: computerized fish.

Although they can't be caught and grilled to be eaten, they can preform a host of other functions restricted to the real thing.

"Our next goal is to let them evolve."

U of T computer science professor Demetri Terzopoulos, along with graduate students Sherry Tu and Radek Grzeszczuk, have programmed computers to simulate the behaviour of fish that swim, learn, and even eat like the real thing.

The fundamental difference between these fish and previous computer-generatede animals, said Tu, is that traditional animation techniques require key framing, which interpolates the animal's movements. The animator must specify the movements the animal is to make every few frames, a tedious and costly process.

However, the U of T fish are self-animating. The programmer need only get them going, and the fish take over from there.

"They are autonomous agents," Tu said. "The fish have to decide when to evoke which behaviour."

The fish teach themselves how to swim by experimenting with different movements, choosing the combinations of "muscle" contractions and frequency to produce maximum speeds. They remember those movements which prove effective and forget others, in essence learning from their mistakes.

Tu said the project started out as a course project to study the way fish propagate through water.

While this technique could be effectively used in movie animation, applications for the computerized creatures extend well beyond that, Tu said. For example, they can be incorporated into simulations which let the user feel what it's like to interact with, or even be, a real fish.

However, Tu has more lofty ambitions for the new creations. The experiment may provide an excellent model for studies in artifical intelligence, she said.

"The trend in AI is to simulate the entire organism rather than just one aspect. Hopefully we can gain insights as to how intelligence is built up," she said.

– they perform a host of other functions –

"Our next goal is to let them evolve."

By mating and passing on the equivalent of genes, the system can simulate the process of natural selection, Tu said. In time, entirely new species may evolve spontaneously. And because of the speed that computers can operate, the process can proceed much faster than in the real world.

For the time being, the fish are unable to show emergent behaviours — they can't evoke a behaviour until they are told that it's in their repetoire.

Tu said there are philosophical problems with attempting to make the fish self-aware.

"We are still a bit far from having them know they are alive," Tu said. "People are still debating the issues."❑

The miracle of life and death

By Barb Muller, the Gazette
Dalhousie University

HALIFAX (CUP) Millions of dollars are spent annually on pet food, care, toys, etc. We love our pets .. that is, until they grow up.

We get tired of walking them, we move or they become just too much trouble. Then we abandon them — by the millions. We may drop them off at the animal shelter, thinking they'll get a better life — but the truth is when we drop them off at the animal shelter, we drop them off to die.

There just are not prospective homes for these unwanted animals — not to mention the fact that most people who want pets do not go to their local shelter to, for example, pick a puppy from a litter of ten unwanted pets.

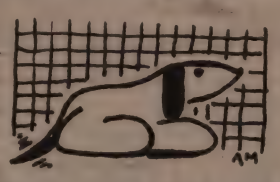
Pet shops are known for killing.

The problem? First, "un-fixed" pets; second, compulsive buyers of cute pet shop pets.

Let us consider non-sterilized pets:

A female dog reaches sexual maturity at about six months of age and comes into heat twice a year thereafter. She may give birth to a litter of puppies every six months.

Female cats reach sexual maturity at about 6 months, but come into heat every two to three weeks, from February until late summer. One female cat may have up to four litters a year, with as many as six kittens per litter.



"People who let their dogs and cats have litters in order to show their children 'the miracle of birth' should come witness 'the miracle of death' performed in the back rooms of animal shelters all over the country," said Phyllis Wright, Director of Sheltering, Humane Society of the U.S.

Pet shops sell about 360,000 puppies each year from "puppy mills," which are breeding kennels located mostly in the mid-western states. Canadians receive these puppies unchecked thanks to free trade.

The puppy mills keep breeding dogs in elevated cages. These elevated cages are cramped, crude and filthy. The bitches are bred continuously, the puppies are shipped (like vegetables) at four to six weeks of age. Psychological disorders due to early weaning and shipping conditions are common, due to constant inbreeding.

– puppies are shipped (like vegetables) –

Pet shops are also known for killing (by drowning or beating) unsold overgrown puppies and kittens.

There are solutions to these problems however:

Neutering and spaying dogs and cats can greatly reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies;

Never patronize pet shops and breeders. They contribute to dog and cat overpopulation. The animals at your local shelter have personality, charm and looks;

Never give animals as gifts;

Resist buying "that doggie in the window." Pet shops will just replace him or her; and

Volunteer at your local animal shelter (SPCA in Victoria)❑

Science Briefs

Soybeans linked to cancer prevention

Researchers at the University of Toronto have found a connection between eating soybeans and cancer cell growth.

Saponins, a natural substance found in many edible and non-edible plants, especially soybeans, has been found to prevent colon cancer cell growth in tissue culture.

"Our findings show a definite, casual link between soybean saponins and anti-cancer effects," said Venket Rao, a professor at U of T.

Saponins also have been shown elsewhere to prevent cholesterol absorption by the intestine. Therefore, they are believed to assist in reducing the risk of heart attack. Also, saponins bind to bile acids in the large intestine, thus increasing the excretion of these acids from the body. These bile acids are known to prevent tumors.

While there is cause for optimism, more research is needed. According to Rao, "Testing of saponins in human trials with normal and at-risk subjects is still necessary."

Canadians assist with resource management

RADARSAT, a Canadian resource management satellite, is set to be launched in August 1995.

Traditional satellites view the earth through the visible and infrared spectrums. However, RADARSAT uses microwaves to pierce clouds that usually hamper data collection. This is important because tropical zones are frequently cloud covered.

The North-South orbit of the satellite will allow all countries to find the data useful in resource management. Developing countries can access information from this satellite via Canadian mission control.

The collected data will be used to assess, monitor, and manage natural resources that are located in fragile environments, such as Mountains, wetlands, and arid environments. China is hoping to make use of it to forecast ice conditions, while other countries will observe wave formations to predict storms.

This project is part of a Canadian initiative to help countries in Africa, the Middle east, Asia and the Pacific gain information about their natural resources.

Environmental innovations hitting home.

Interested in developing solutions to growing global environmental problems? The SFU-UVic-UBC PATSCAN (patent search) service is holding the BC Environmental Innovation Contest.

It is being sponsored by the Science Council of British Columbia, who is donating $3,000 in prizes that will be awarded to deserving BC post-secondary students.

"The objective of this project is to deliver to our community exceptional processes or devices that will improve the way we work with our environment", says Rom Simmer of PATSCAN. "Through this activity we also hope to educate students and the public that we can create ecologically healthy technologies."

In order to be eligible, an innovation must be used in the clean up, protection or conservation of the environment. The deadline for this competition is noon on April 14, 1995.

Anyone wishing more information on the contest or general information on patents may phone 1-(604)-822-5404 of fax 1-(604)-822-9532. Internet messages can be sent to rsimmer@unixg.ubc.ca❑

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Island is a winter mecca for UVic kayakers

By Jeff Forst

Imagine climbing Mount Washington in your underwear. Many would say traveling down freezing winter rapids in a boat guaranteed to tip is the same thing. Cold.

Like the blossoms appearing on Victoria's trees this February, it can be said that paddling a kayak on Vancouver Island's rivers is a little premature.

The UVic Kayaking Club would disagree. Each week they venture out to the Island's various aquatic play grounds, regardless of weather or season.

Three weeks ago, several experienced club members loaded their kayaks onto a '76 Audi Fox and drove up the west coast to Jordan River. Relying upon the skills developed in the Kayak Club, they threw themselves into the pounding surf to try their luck against the forces of nature. The waves were abnormally high, and the sun was shining. Ideal surfing conditions.

They eased themselves into position beyond the break, preparing themselves for the arrival of the perfect wave. The awaited line of blue water appeared, gradually becoming a rising swell.

As the wave approached, the kayakers began to paddle in unison. Their speed increased as the spray capping the wave glanced off their faces. The wave peaked then arched, and the three boats were swept up, cutting and gliding in the tube. They peeled off just before the crash of white foaming froth.

Kayaking is an amazing experience that fully immerses you in the intense beauty of the west coast.

And Vancouver Island is a fantastic location for the kayaking experience. It is a winter mecca for paddlers stuck in the deep-freeze that is the rest of Canada.

The Island offers a variety of paddling environments that satisfy the novice paddler as well as the advanced.

Membership allows you to attend the weekly, life-guard supervised training sessions at the McKinnon pool. It enables you to use the equipment on the Saturday excursions up-island to the actual rivers. It also entitles you to instruction from the club's experienced paddlers who volunteer their time to pay back the club that taught them.

All that is required of you is a wetsuit and enthusiasm.

Club education begins in the McKinnon pool and then progresses to the flat-water of either the Gorge, or Cadboro Bay. The eskimo roll (the method used to right an overturned kayak), paddling techniques, and simple rescue methods are taught at these locations.

Then its off to crashing surf at Jordan River, or at Long Beach, to practice wave-riding. River paddling follows, beginning in the Lower Cowichan river. By then, paddlers are usually ready to attempt some of the Island's other rivers, like the beautiful Chemainus, Koksilah, Nanaimo, and Upper Cowichan rivers.

Whitewater kayaking is a demanding sport that requires a serious committment to ensure pleasure and safety. For this reason, the club encourages newcomers, while stressing that they must be willing to invest the time that the sport demands. A committed new paddler makes their instruction, and your learning, worthwhile.

This weekend, the club is holding its traditional excursion to Long Beach. In a change of pace from years past of roughing at Green Point campsite, they will stay at a hotel that will provide the unheard-of luxury of hot-tubs. The Long Beach experience is a must for paddlers of all levels.

For further information about the club or any general questions about kayaking, you can call Rob at 360-0950, or attend the pool sessions at McKinnon pool Friday night at 8:30 p.m. ❑

Kayaks sit idly by on Long Beach as paddlers rest after a long day of surfing.

Jeff Forst photo

Topping it off are the great pubs on the journey home from each kayaking spot — for instance the 17-mile pub on the way back from Jordan River.

A pint of beer and a bowl of clam chowder never taste as good as they do after kayaking, especially when it's served in a hollowed-out loaf of sourdough bread.

If you have the urge to enjoy this experience, and feel the exhilaration of riding a river rapid, then the UVic Kayak Club is the place for you.

"There is a huge interest in kayaking right now," said Dave Koretchuk, a member of the club's executive. "There are far more paddlers now than there was even a couple of years ago."

It cost $55 to become a club member, which is a bargain compared to learning to kayak with a private outfit which would force you to shell out hundreds of dollars

UVic's nominal membership fee gives you access to all the boats, paddles, and assorted gear necessary to become a decent wave-rider.

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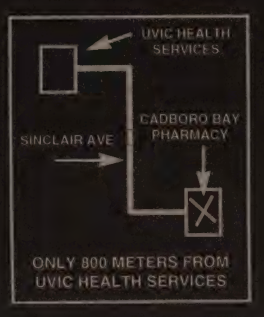

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Nancy Sheils grunts her way to a win during the Monster Erg at the McKinnon Gym last week. Coco Calderhead photo

Vikes tame Huskies

by Naryn Watt

The UVic women's basketball team continued their home-court success this weekend with a pair of decisive victories over the University of Saskatchewan Huskies at the McKinnon Gymnasium.

The Vikes won by a margin of 79-54 Friday and kept up the pace with a 75-56 spread on Saturday.

The wins keep the team solidly in first place atop the Canada West standings with a record of 11 wins and three losses.

Fifth-year point guard Chris Van Aert lead the UVic attack on Friday night with 19 points and nine assists. Cherie Birtwistle added 16 points, making eight of nine shot attempts. Birtwistle continued to dominate Saturday with 24 points and 15 rebounds.

Lisa Koop added 18 points while Lisa Bright pulled down 12 boards. The Huskies (whose record now drops to 4-10) proved to be easy competition, but after last weekend's losses the Vikes weren't taking any victories for granted. Consecutive losses to Calgary were a reminder that a Canada West title, although very attainable, is not guaranteed.

With these recent victories though, the team is right back on track to win the league and capture home-court advantage in the Canada West playoffs.

The Vikes will face the University of Alberta this upcoming Friday in Edmonton, and are back at home the following weekend against Lethbridge.❑

Remy Quinter

Daphne Donaldson came closest to breaking a world record at this years Monster Erg held last Sunday.

The UVic employee, who works as an health and safety officer, came five seconds close to breaking the record in the women's Masters event. She also qualified to go to Boston, along with Rachel Star, Walley Baul, and Dave Caulder.

"There were no broken world records, which we've had in the past," said Rick Crawley, UVic women's coach. "But we had four qualifiers to go to Boston."

The qualifiers will go to Boston the last weekend in February and compete with around 2000 competitors.

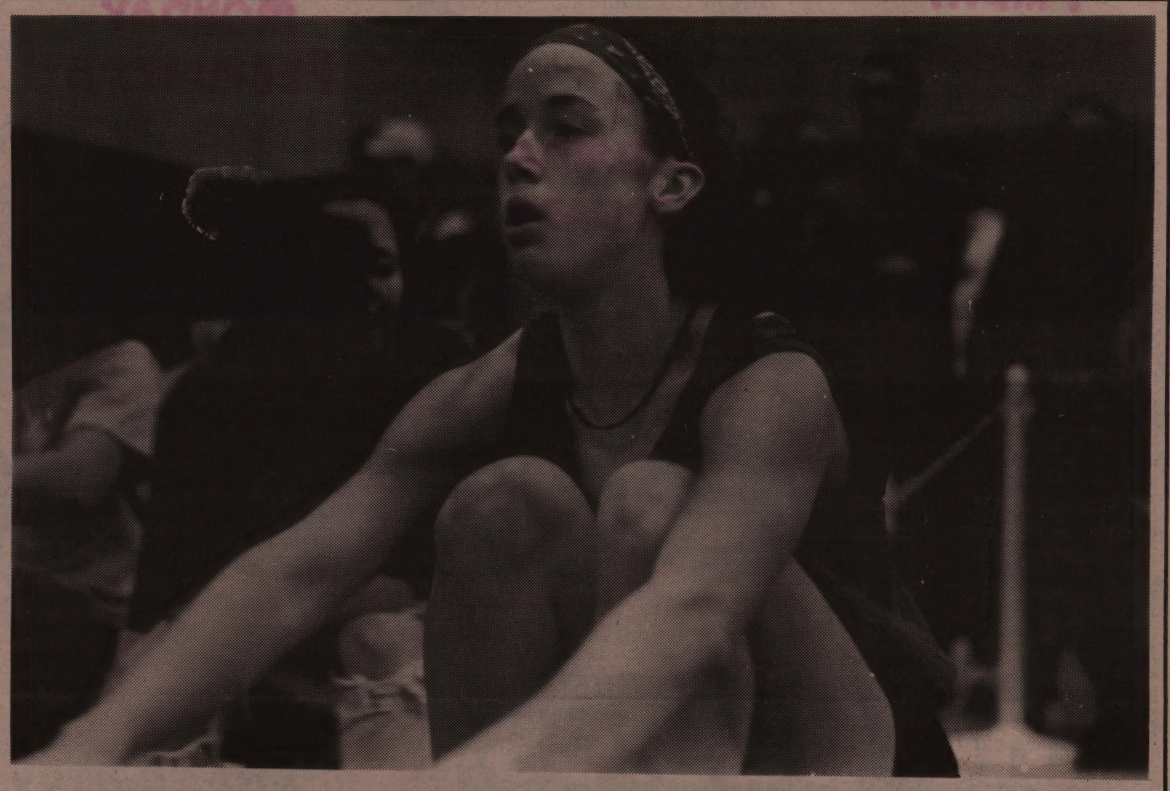
Dave Caulder, the up-and-coming 16-year-old from St. Andrews high school was hoping to break a world record, but unfortunately his coach was unable to meet with him to go over pre-race plans. He still won his division, rowing an age-group higher in the 17 to 18-year-old Junior A men's event.

Gord Hues recorded the event's fastest time in at 7:40.07, while Julie Jesperen, UVic grad, recorded the women's fastest time in at 8:47.

One of the more entertaining events was the Coxswain Crawl — a 500-metre race enjoyed thoroughly by rowers and won by Sarah Clinger. Other exciting races were the Senior A lightweight men's, and Senior B women's races.

"They were close races, with a high-quality field," said Rich Crawley.

The most popular event was one just brought in this year. The team event used teams of four rowers each. The winners were Gord Hughes, Brian Sieberts, Nancy Sheils, Lindsay Ryerson.❑



Shona McLaren exerts extreme effort during the Monster Erg at the McKinnon Gym last week. Coco Calderhead photo

Sports Results

Soccer

Men's

Vikes: 2; Nanaimo United: 2

Basketball

Women's

Friday, Jan. 27 Vikes: 79; U. of Saskatchewan: 54
Saturday, Jan. 28 Vikes: 75; Saskatchewan: 56

Men's

Friday, Jan. 27 Vikes: 96; Saskatchewan: 76
Special mention: Andy Wilmott, Greg Meldrum
Saturday, Jan. 28 Vikes: 97; Saskatchewan: 63
Special mention:Greg Meldrum, Pat Cannon, Andy W.

Volleyball

Women's

Friday, Jan. 27 Vikes: 0; Saskatchewan: 3
Special Mention: Grace Graham
Saturday, Jan. 28 Vikes: 0; Saskatchewan: 3
Special Mention: Elga Tiamzon

Men's

Friday, Jan. 27 Vikes: 0; Saskatchewan: 3
Special Mention: Simon Bright
Saturday, Jan. 28 Vikes: 0; Saskatchewan: 3
Special Mention: Neil Armstrong, Simon Bright.

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Cinecenta - *What Happened Was...*7:10 & 9:15 pm.

Meeting - Course Union Anti-Calendar meeting in SUB 137a. It's time for students to evaluate UVic Profs. Call Stacey for info at 721-8369.

Meeting - It's here again Course Union Council. What's up in your department? 3:30 in SUB 137a.

Friday February 3

Cinecenta - *Mary Shelly's Frankenstein.* 7:00 & 9:25. Latenight: *Revenge of the Creature in 3-D.* 11:45 only.

Lecture - Biodiversity as Affected by Tree Improvement. Dr. Michael Stoehr, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Research Branch, B.C. Ministry of Forests.

Lecture(s) - The Department of Geography presents Graduate Student Presentations. **Joan Gillie,** "Feminist Perspectives in Health Geography: The Focus Group as Catalyst for Empowerment", 3:20-3:40 pm. **Anna Bass,** "Ventilation Patterns of Feeding Gray Whales: Clayoquot Sound 1992-1994", 3:20-3:40 pm. **Chris Malcolm,** Diving Pattern of a Foraging Gray Whale in Clayoquot Sound, British Columbia", 3:40-4:00 pm. **Lisa Kadonaga,** "Does El Nino Have a Significant Impact on Us in Victoria?", 4:00-4:20 pm.

Saturday February 4

Cinecenta - *Mary Shelly's Frankenstein.* 7:00 & 9:25. Latenight: *Revenge of the Creature in 3-D.* 11:45 only.

Sunday February 5

Cinecenta - *Let's Get Lost.* 7:00 & 9:15.

Lecture - The Royal B.C. Museum presents a slide lecture on the Kitlope, Alaska, and Haida Gwaii. The cost is free and it takes place at the Newcombe Theatre, 7 pm.

Monday February 6

Cinecenta - *The Piano.* 7:00 & 9:20.

Tuesday February 7

Cinecenta - *The Last Waltz.* 7:00 & 9:15.

Felicita's - Food, Foam & Flick Night featuring *The Hunt For Red October and Clear and Present Danger.* 7 pm, SUB.

Lecture - The Copenhagen Summit: Giving the Grassroots a Voice. Featured speaker will be Bella Abzug, the feisty former US Congresswoman and activist famous for her colourful remarks and large hats. 1:30 pm, Cinecenta. Info: Susan at 360-1405\386-6398 or Philip at 595-4656\592-6484.

Volunteers - Big Brothers and Sisters of Victoria want YOU to come out to their volunteer information night. Suite 103, 3347 Oak St., Victoria. Please pre-register as space is limited. Info: 475-1117.

Wednesday February 8

Cinecenta - *Bhaji on the Beach.* 7:15 & 9:15.

Film Night - Anthropology Course Union Film Night: *Baraka.* 7 pm in Corn A125. Free, everyone welcome.

Thursday February 9

Reading - Come beat the in-between-Groundhog-and-Valentine's-Day blahs with a special poetry reading of New York by D.C. Reid and Susan Gillis. Mocambo Cafe, 1028 Blanshard St., 8 pm. Info: 592-1700.

Lecture - Homeopathy, an Adjunctive Cancer Therapy by Drs. Thea Durwood & Sally Ringdall. Homeopathy is the forerunner of the modern day holistic health movement. 7:30 - 9 pm at James Bay New Horizons, 234 Menzies St.. Suggested donation is $5. Info: 360-2988.

Cinecenta - *Bhaji on the Beach.* 7:15 & 9:15.

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Music - Music West seeks new music. If you are an original, unsigned artist, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss! The Swatch Music Festival is calling for submissions from developing artists in Canada and around the world. To be eligible for a position, you must currently perform original material live. All submissions must be accompanied by a completed Music West application form and a $10 processing fee. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 15. For more info. or an application form call 684-9338 or fax 684-9337.

Ice Hockey - Play ice hockey? We have a team which requires a few more UVic students to play. The games are on Wednesday nights, you must have own equipment. Phone 721-2848, ask for Mike and leave message.

SEC - The Student Employment Centre would like to welcome back all students for the spring 1995 term. If you are in need of some extra cash this term, check out the Job Boards advertising part-time, casual, and summer postings. If you are graduating take a look at the career boards which display permanent, degree-related job openings. Tutor registry is available for those interested in tutoring or those interested in finding one. The Student/Seniors Work Assistance Program is open to students who wish to work on a casual basis. In addition, resume preparation, job search strategies, interview tips,

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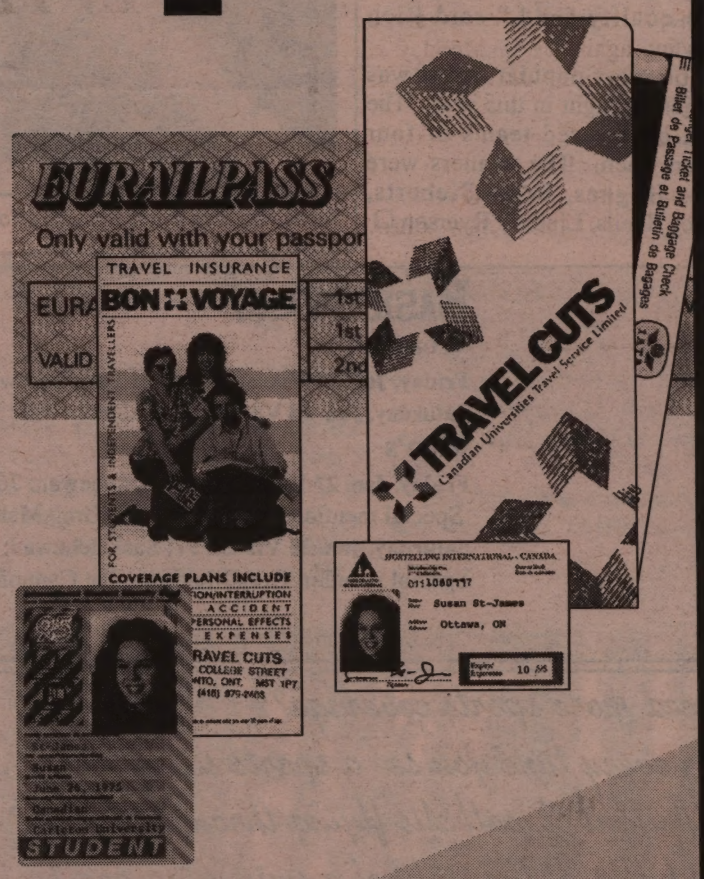

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resume-follow up, and networking workshops will be offered throughout the term. It is located in Campus Services Building (across from the bookstore) and is open from 8:30 - 4:30 Monday to Friday. Info: 721-8421.

RELIEF FUND - The Pacific and Asian Students Society would like to thank all those who partook in their recent Sushi sale. We would also like to make a furthur appeal for donations to the "Kobe Earthquake Relief Fund". We hope that UVic community will remember the 300,000 plus people who have been left homeless in the midst of the Japanese winter. Donations will be graciously recieved at any Victoria Pacific Coast Savings or at the Pacific and Asian Studies Dept. (Cle C200).

RESUME CRITIQUE - The Resume and Cover Letter Service is back! Sign up at SEC to have a peer helper review your resume. Want to improve your interview skills? Videotape and review a mock interview at the Interview Practice Sessions. New part-time, summer, and career jobs arriving daily. Browse through the Career Resource Library for job search and employer information. More information and registration at the Student Employment Centre, Campus Services Building.

CLINIC - Involved in a potential legal problem? Need information about the law in a certain area? Landlord/Tenant, Motor Vehicle, Small Claims, Consumer/Debt, and many other areas. Tues. & Thurs. 11:30-1:30, Wed. 5 - 7 pm. Begbie 125.

CINECENTA - Dolby Stereo is here! Cinecenta's January and February schedule celebrates the arrival by drawing from an extensive range of film genre to explore the quality of this new sound. Monday and Tuesday nights focus on films with great sound and feature a wide selection of opera, rock, and jazz films, as well as movies with great soundtracks.

VOLUNTEERS - Students for Literacy at UVic need volunteers for Reading Circles for Children. Call 389-4029 for more info.

VOLUNTEERS - Do you want to make a difference in the lives of your peers and yourself? If so join the UVic Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project, and help promote healthy sexual relationships through education and activism. Open to men and women. Info: 388-1512 for more details.

VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for interested students to help organize an awareness campaign about the Social Policy Review, If you are worried about tuition tripling, come help us out. We meet every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in SUB 137A.

CLUBS

BADMINTON CLUB - The Badminton Club is back again! We are at the McKinnon Gym on Sundays from 6 pm to 9:30 pm. All levels welcome and equipment is available.

YOUNG LIBERALS - The UVic Young Liberals of Canada Club needs women! There is an obvious gender disparity among the members of the club. Politics is the domain of both men and women - don't allow our next generation of politicians to be just men! Info: Ann at 472-0025.

DYNAMIC CHRISTIANS - Campus Crusade for Christ is interested in meeting like-minded students to build a vibrant Christian movement at UVic. Call Jill at 478-3470 or e-mail jwikkeri@sol.

SKI CLUB - Ski at Balckcomb/Whistler for reading break (Feb.21-24). $200 incl. lift tix, accomodation, transportation. Bring money to Cle A207 Friday from 3-4 pm or call Chris at 477-3672 or Julie at 383-0530.

SCI-FI CLUB - Are you wonderfully weird and warped? Meet others like you in the Science Fiction and Fantasy Club. Tuesdays, Cle B466, 6:30 pm.

UNITED NATIONS - Model United Nations Meetings are starting again, every Monday at 6:00 pm in Elliot 061.

REFORM B.C. - B.C.'s fastest growing political party has recently expanded to UVic! We have a dynamic new club, focusing on developing policy, gaining political experience, and having a good time now and then. If you would like to join, or would like more information call Mark at 721-1690.

MEDIEVAL CLUB - Thursdays 7:00 - 9:30 pm are Arts & Sciences nights. Explore costume construction and design, calligraphy, armouring, heraldry, and anything else we can think of. Saturdays 9:00 am -noon: Fighting practice. Learn and practice medieval foot combat and "Three Musketeers" style fencing. Info: Ted 480-7820

DEBATE UNION - Develop your public speaking skills! The UVic Debate Union meets every Monday at 4 pm in Begbie 152. Fun or competitive debate for the beginner or the experienced!

NATIVE PLANTS - VIPIRG's Native Vegetation Committee meets every Tuesday from 11:30 - 1 pm in Sub 137A. Come learn about and get involved with native plant issues on campus.

ECONOMICS CLUB - Alternative Economics meets Tuesdays at 3:30 pm in Sub 137A. Please feel welcome to come and discuss and organize alternative economic forms! For info call VIPIRG at 721-8629.

COMMONWEALTH CLUB - World development aid, diplomacy, consensus, and cooperation: there is more to the Commonwealth of Nations than just the Games every four years. Be where the action is! We meet on Thursdays at 3:30 in Cle B446. Info: Chris 721-1653 or Christina 598-6330.

LGBA - Come out to the LGBA. Tuesdays are the coming out meetings from 6 to 7:30 pm. Activist meetings are Fridays from 12:30 to 2:00 pm

LE CLUB FRANCAIS - Conversation hours are back! They're an informal relaxed way to practice your French no matter what level you are at. They will take place in the Upper SUB Lounge Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 & Thursdays 2:30-3:30 pm. Look for the flags on the table and drop by.

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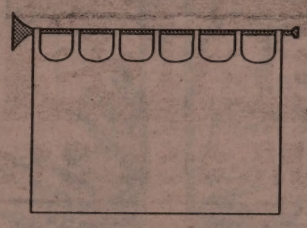

ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Elections to the Senate

TWELVE FULL TIME STUDENTS (including at least one student from each Faculty - 1 year term)

ONE PART TIME STUDENT (3-year term)

Elections to the Board of Governors

TWO FULL TIME STUDENTS (1 year term)

Nominations Close 14 February 1995

Nomination papers must be signed by no fewer than three students eligible to vote, other than the candidate, and by the candidate. Nomination forms are available in Room B102, Sedgewick Building or from the Resource Centre in the Student Union Building on and after 26 January 1995.

A nomination paper is not valid unless it is received in Room B102, Sedgewick Building, University of Victoria, not later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, 14 February 1995.

Sheila Sheldon Collyer
University Secretary

Dated this 26th day of January, 1995
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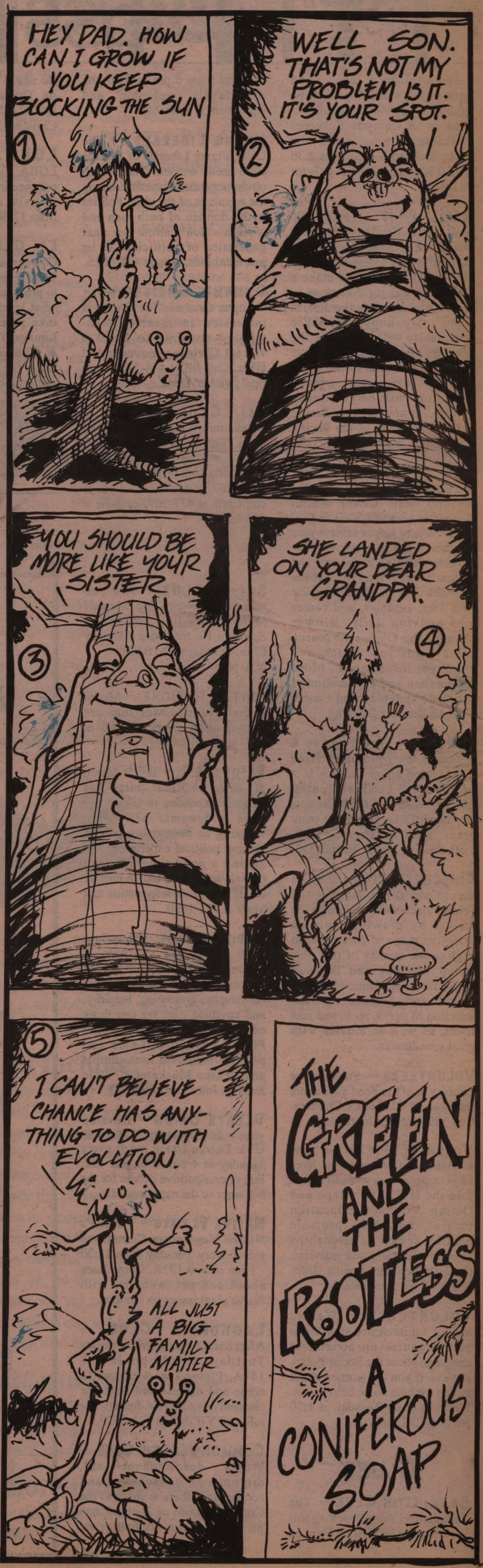
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